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Better security cameras sought on city transit

Safety. Union says verbal and physical assaults still a concern, despite record crime lows on transit system

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Calgary Transit is revving up plans to equip its buses with better cameras that would enhance rider and driver safety.

Currently, devices installed on 1,000 passenger transports in the city feature just a single lens looking out the front window and back into the passenger area, according to operations manager Jim Ryan.

As well, the cameras only record 20 seconds at a time and have to be triggered by hard-braking or the driver.

He added the current technology was outfitted in 2007 and a planned upgrade provides opportunity for better coverage through the potential use of multiple lenses — one could be installed at the back of the bus looking forward, for example — and looped video recording that would allow officials to review incident footage.

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"If someone was to report anything uncomfortable or of a criminal nature, we would be able to go back and look for evidence that would support that."

Operations manager Jim Ryan

"We're trying to be proactive and provide the safest ride we can," Ryan said. "If someone was to report anything uncomfortable or of a criminal nature, we would be able to go back and look for evidence that would support that."

A request for proposals for the camera upgrade was put out last week. If seen through, it would be the latest in a host of initiatives by transit officials to boost safety and crackdown on unruly riders.

Last fall, $5,000 fines were introduced for passengers delaying service or interfering with fellow riders. Those caught spraying graffiti on or vandalizing transit property can also now be hit with the same penalty, a steep rise from the $150 previously charged for such offences.

Peace-officer presence has also been upped and a task force was established to catch people riding the rails without paying the fare.

Overall, transit officials have reported historic lows in crime on the system, at least to as far back as 2003, when they began tracking such information.

Ryan made it clear the new cameras would be used purely for incident response and not to maintain constant surveillance of driver actions.

Newer LRT models already come equipped with their own cameras and would not be included in the upgrade, he added.

Doug Johannes, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 583, said he's in favour of the upgrade.

"There's still lots of assaults," he said. "I would say the average bus driver is assaulted every single day, whether that's verbally — they're told by the public where to go and how to do it — or physically."

311? THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT

Mayor Naheed Nenshi and city transportation manager Mac Logan show off an iPad with Calgary's new 311 mobile app installed on it, during a launch event for the app at city hall on Tuesday. See story, page 4. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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Funding. School suites might be named after corporations

Corporations varying widely in size and expertise have kicked in funding and equipment to get Calgary's first career-and-technology school centre off the ground, but it's unclear who will push to have suites named in their honour.

The doors of Lord Shaughnessy School were formally thrown open Tuesday morning.

But uncertainty remains over which corporations will push the Calgary Board of Education to see through an administrative regulation change passed last year that allows their brand to be featured in the actual name of a suite or school area.

"We would do it (donate) either way, but that would be a little bonus," said Eldon Morrison with Alberta-based CP Corp on the potential of receiving name recognition. His Alberta-based organization supplied some of the computers and software at Shaughnessy.

Other equipment donors ranged in size from Apple Canada to Chase Auto Body Systems.

A superintendent said last month sponsors at Shaughnessy will likely be the first to seek naming rights at a city school, but final approval of any such agreement falls to publicly elected trustees. No timeline was provided Tuesday for when proposals would be brought to the board.

Concerns have been raised by the Alberta Teachers' Association local and trustee Sheila Taylor, with top concerns being possibly sending the wrong message to kids and fostering greater inequality in the system. **JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**

Inglewood. Pedestrian struck by truck dies

A young man was hit and killed by a concrete truck while crossing a street in Inglewood Tuesday afternoon, according to Calgary police.

Duty Insp. Steve Ellefson said the collision happened at about 4:50 p.m., and the man, believed to be in his late 20s, was rushed to hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

Police cordoned off a section off 12 Street S.E. south of 9 Avenue as they investigated the crash scene, where the cement truck remained Tuesday evening.

Ellefson said early stages of the investigation suggest the man was crossing in the middle of the street and not at a crosswalk, and may have been wearing headphones. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**

Plea. EducationMatters should stay: Directors

Directors with a charity established by Calgary public-school trustees on Tuesday issued pleas to keep $750,000 in funding intact.

Calgary Board of Education administration has outlined plans to cut funding for EducationMatters as part of efforts to trim spending in the wake of lower-than-expected provincial funding.

But charity chair Gene Edworthy said the group has raised $10 million since 2004 and those funds have been directed into classrooms and scholarships benefiting a quarter-million students.

Trustees voted unanimously for a report to be presented outlining the repercussions of cutting the charity funding ahead of approving the board's entire operating budget May 28. **JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**

$350,000 budget brochure 'desperate'

Controversy. Redford defends the full-colour, eight-page document, while the NDP calls it a 'very expensive ... piece of propaganda'

Alberta Premier Alison Redford's government is spending $350,000 to mail out a full-colour budget brochure — something critics suggest is Redford's latest attempt to save her job.

"It's desperation," Wildrose Opposition Leader Danielle Smith said Tuesday.

"We have a premier who is desperately afraid of losing confidence from her party in her leadership vote in the fall, and she's pulling out all the stops, including using taxpayer money to send out political propaganda."

The eight-page mail-out repeats dollar figures, commitments and talking points used by the government when it delivered the budget March 7.

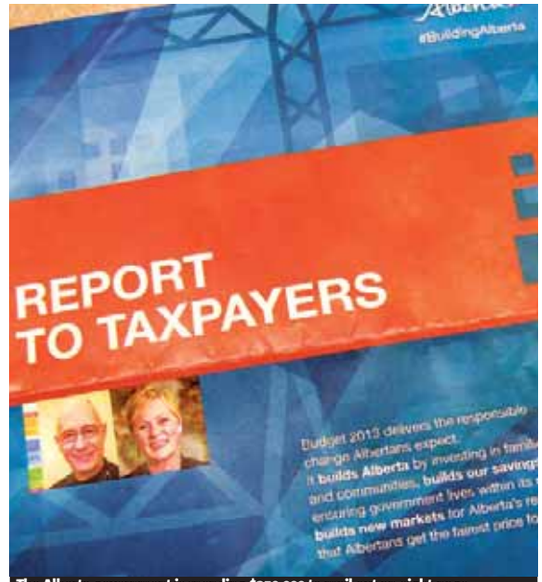
That financial forecast is for $6.3 billion in red ink, along with cuts or reductions in spending across the board. But it also promised renewed savings and infrastructure spending to keep pace with a growing population.

The brochure, called Report to Taxpayers, highlights spending, savings and infrastructure goals, but doesn't mention the key concern of critics: that Redford plans to accrue $17 billion of debt over the next four years.

Redford defended the mail-out during question period.

"We're very excited to be able to make sure that we are accountable to Albertans for the decisions that we made in Budget 2013," said Redford.

NDP Leader Brian Mason was not impressed: "To me it's nothing but a very expensive taxpayer-funded piece of propaganda." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



The Alberta government is spending $350,000 to mail out an eight-page, full-colour brochure, shown in Edmonton on Tuesday, that highlights the 2013-14 budget. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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‘Out-of-control.’ Charges likely against minor after ‘scary’ police pursuit

Police pursued an “out-of-control” truck being driven by a teenager for more than an hour Tuesday as it sped through Calgary streets, plowing into vehicles and other property along the way.

Calls first came in about the truck around 8:30 a.m., with witnesses reporting it near Deerfoot Trail and Glenmore Trail, according to police Insp. Rick Tuza.

The pursuit was finally stalled shortly before 10 a.m. in the 1500 block of 26th Avenue S.W. with police cruisers going so far as to ram the vehicle.

“We are so fortunate nobody was killed,” Tuza said. “He was driving at excessive speeds, he was going through red lights, narrowly missing numerous vehicles when he went through some intersections ... it was a scary thing to watch.”

The driver, in his mid-teens, was taken to hospital for examination and will likely face criminal charges, Tuza said.

Crews tow away a heavy-duty truck after it was pursued by Calgary police for more than an hour Tuesday at speeds over 100 km/h. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Three police cruisers were damaged and Tuza said early estimates suggested as many as a dozen collisions occurred. It was not clear Tuesday morning what the driver’s motives were.

Anyone else who witnessed the truck or had property damaged during the pursuit is urged to contact police.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Autopsy. Homicide victim died of stab wounds

Police have revealed a beloved Calgary teacher and father died of stab wounds over the weekend.

An autopsy has also confirmed the victim of an altercation in the southeast community of Auburn Bay as 31-year-old Craig Kelloway.

Kelloway was a teacher at David Thompson school, had a five-month-old and would willingly give the shirt off his back to neighbours in need, family and friends said Monday.

It’s believed Kelloway was at neighbour Nicholas Rasberry’s house Saturday night after only having met him earlier in the day when an altercation took place. Rasberry was charged with second-degree murder Monday. The victim and accused lived just two doors apart in the 100 block of Auburn Springs Close S.E.

Kelloway’s father Harvey told media in Nova Scotia police have informed him his son was stabbed in the chest.

Mother Monica told Metro on Monday that Craig “was easygoing, he had a big heart and he’d do anything for anybody.”

The flag at David Thompson School was at half-mast Tuesday. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Transportation manager Mac Logan, who chairs the city’s 311 guiding coalition, introduces the new 311 app on Tuesday. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Calgary launches 311 mobile app

Apple and Google only. The app is available for iOS and Android, while Windows and BlackBerry devices will need to use the mobile-friendly 311 website

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Calgary launched its mobile 311 app Tuesday, billing the free service as more convenient for citizens and more effective for city staff.

“The really good thing about this is the fact that it geo-tags and it has photos,” Mayor Naheed Nenshi said. “So that means the folks who fix the things will automatically know what the issue is. It saves a step.”

In addition to more efficient work orders, city officials said the app’s integration into the existing 311 system will also enable improved communication between departments and create an ever-growing data set that can be used in a myriad of ways.

“By entering a request on 311 and it going into the main system, any of the other business units can look at it,” said transportation manager Mac Logan, who chairs the city’s 311 guiding coalition.

App costs

$90K

The app costs less than $90,000 to develop and integrate into the existing 311 system, Mayor Naheed Nenshi said.

For Ald. Peter Demong, who has championed the improvement of 311 service in Calgary, one of the best features of the app is how it allows users to track the status of service requests.

“It gives you the ability to follow up by yourself, as opposed to calling back to see if something has actually happened,” he said.

And while the mayor expects the app to result in “workflow savings,” he’s not sure it will translate to bottom-line savings for the city just yet.

“I’m not sure there’s going to be a ton of savings in the short term,” he said. “In fact, this will likely lead to more 311 requests.”

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Big-box launch

Target Canada doors open at three Calgary stores

Shoppers eager to get a first glimpse at three new Target Canada stores in Calgary lined up just before the doors opened Tuesday morning.

Roughly two dozen people were outside both the Chinook Centre and Market Mall locations in time for launch at 8 a.m.

Once inside, they were greeted by excited staff members and plenty of merchandise to peruse.

"I've never been to a Target before, this is my first time," said Andrew Strang, as he and his wife, Nicole, shopped for Mother's Day cards.

"We didn't know what to expect," said Nicole. "We thought we would come check it out to see what the big deal was."

Target Canada spokesperson Sebastien Bouchard said they were pleased with the turnout and hope to see many more people walking through the doors at the Chinook Centre, Market Mall and Forest Lawn Shopping Centre locations, and next week the Shoppes at Shawnessy store, which opens on May 14.

"We've received a lot of support from the Calgary community," he said. "The response has been very positive."

Two more stores — one in Signal Hill, and the other at Sunridge Mall — are expected to open later this year. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Customers walk through the doors at the Target store opening at Chinook Centre in Calgary on Tuesday. COURTESY TARGET CANADA

Grow Calgary aims to supply fresh produce to food bank

Goal. Organizer Paul Hughes is hoping to grow 100,000 lbs. of produce this summer

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The Calgary Food Bank could see an influx of fresh produce coming their way should a new initiative take root in Calgary's northwest.

Urban-farming advocate Paul Hughes has been working with the province to use a section of land along a transportation utility corridor just west of Canada Olympic Park that would become Grow Calgary.

"My dream is that we should be using this empty space to grow a lot of food and if we can grow it for the food bank, that would be great," said Hughes.

His goal is to till a 100-by-100-metre area in the coming weeks and plant a wide variety of vegetables including lettuce, tomatoes, kale and carrots, with the intention of donating 100,000 pounds over the course of the summer.

Calgary Food Bank president and CEO James McAra said the idea of Grow Calgary is "cutting-edge" and could make a huge difference in the lives of the people they support.

"We've long struggled with getting fresh food to the places it needs to go," he said.

McAra said he sees huge potential in using unoccupied land in the city, and added Hughes' offer to grow, harvest and deliver the food could make a big difference in many Calgarians' lives.

"That's 100,000 pounds of fresh food that we know is going to be looked after."

Jeannie Smith, press secretary for Minister of Infrastructure Wayne Drysdale, said the ministry is supportive of the project and working with Hughes to get it off the ground.

"Our departmental officials are waiting for the appropriate paperwork to be in place before this project proceeds," she said in an email. "We hope to have all the information in the next couple of weeks — in time for this year's growing season."

Hughes said, ultimately, he believes everyone is entitled to quality food.

"It's not just good food if you can afford it — it's good food regardless of your income level. That's food justice."

How to help

- The Calgary Food Bank will weigh the produce, according to Hughes, to see if they reach their 100,000 lbs. target.
- Grow Calgary is looking for help in planting, as well as donations of seeds and plants.
- To volunteer or donate, visit the Grow Calgary Facebook page.

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"It's good food regardless of your income level. That's food justice."

Urban farming advocate Paul Hughes

Calgarian Paul Hughes plans to use provincial land just west of Canada Olympic Park to grow 100,000 pounds of produce for the Calgary Food Bank. KATIE TURNER/METRO

Friday rally. Venezuelans in Calgary to protest disputed presidential election

Venezuela's political crisis is set to spill over to Calgary Friday, as hundreds of Venezuelans plan to protest the results of April's disputed presidential election.

"We know that some people voted two, three, four, or even seven times," said Josue Ramirez, an organizer in the local Venezuelan community. "When you compare the ballots against the (voter) registry, there is a difference."

On Monday, Venezuela began an audit of the election results, which saw the late Hugo Chavez's hand-picked successor Nicolas Maduro narrowly defeat opposition candidate Henrique Capriles.

But Ramirez, who supports Capriles, said the audit amounts to little more than a recount, as authorities have refused to seriously examine the allegations of electoral fraud.

The opposition is boycotting the audit process, and U.S. President Barack Obama has so far not recognized Maduro as Venezuela's rightful president.

Disputes over the election results also led to physical fights in Venezuela's National Assembly.

Paola Martinez, who came to Canada from Venezuela in 2008, expects about 500 people to attend Friday's rally outside Calgary's city hall, starting at 5 p.m.

The demonstration will be held in conjunction with others across Canada, she said.

"We want new elections," she said. "What is happening is not fair." ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Healed and happy, abused pup finds new lease on life

Lucky, the collie-heeler cross at the centre of an animal-abuse case described by Turner Valley RCMP as one of the worst they've seen, has made a remarkable recovery and is living with a new owner in Calgary. CONTRIBUTED

Lucky, the puppy at the centre of an animal-abuse case that made headlines earlier this spring, has recovered from his injuries and is living happily in a new, permanent home in Calgary.

"He's incredible. He's recovered exceptionally well," said Lucky's new owner, Roy, who didn't want his last name published while the court case is ongoing.

Roy said his "heart just went out" to the young pup when he heard news of the animal's injuries, allegedly suffered at the hands of a man in Turner Valley.

William Daniel Goyette, 19, is facing animal-cruelty charges. Police allege he punched, kicked and threw Lucky around in March, when the pup was just 12 weeks old.

The dog's injuries included broken legs and a broken jaw, which Roy said have now mostly healed, along with any psychological wounds.

"He hasn't shown fear towards a single person or another dog at all," Roy said. "We go on dog walks to off-leash areas and he just wants to go say hello to everybody."

Roy said he's grateful to the staff at the Diamond Valley Veterinary Clinic who operated on and cared for Lucky, as well as a local woman who visited the pup "almost daily" during his recovery. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Ongoing court case

- Members of the DAISY Foundation, a Calgary-based group that advocates for stiffer penalties against people who abuse animals, confronted the accused outside an Okotoks courthouse at his first court date in April.
- The case is due back in court on May 28, said Heather Anderson of the DAISY Foundation.

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Think of the children.
Province introduces law to strengthen rules surrounding youngsters

The Alberta government has introduced legislation for wide-ranging changes to assist children.

Human Services Minister Dave Hancock says the Children First Act will develop a Children's Charter to ensure that government policy puts youngsters first.

The act will also encourage police, schools, and social agencies to share information to assist kids in need.

There will also be a review of policies government-wide as they relate to children.

There will be amendments to other laws to, among other changes, better protect children from sexual exploitation.

The mandate of the Child and Youth Advocate will also be strengthened.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hobbema

RCMP investigate shooting, suspicious death

RCMP in the Hobbema area are investigating a shooting that has left a 21-year-old man in hospital, along with a suspicious death.

Maskwacis RCMP said officers and Muskwachees EMS found a victim suffering from a gunshot wound when they responded to a complaint at a residence on the Samson First Nation in the early hours.

They believe the incident to be gang-related.

Also in the Hobbema area, RCMP are investigating a death on the Montana First Nation.

The identity of the victim is not being released. An autopsy is scheduled for Wednesday.

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Students soon able to write diploma exams online

Education. Changes part of shift to personalized and innovative learning approaches: Minister

ANNALISE KLINGBEIL
Metro in Edmonton

By the fall of 2017, all Alberta high school students will be able to write their diploma exams online, Education Minister Jeff Johnson announced Tuesday.

Johnson made the announcement during a teleconference with student reporters from across the province.

"We're making the diploma exams more flexible and more accommodating of students' needs," he said.

Students will be able to write the online exams five times a year starting next year. Currently they are written twice a year.

Johnson said there are benefits to moving to an online test, including accommodating all students and adding videos to questions.

Piloting of electronic diploma exams is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2014, and by 2017 all diploma exam sessions will be offered electronically.

Johnson told students that moving to digital diploma exams is a part of the government's shift towards personalized and innovative learning approaches.

"The way we use technology, I think, is going to be a really critical piece of how we deliver education going forward," Johnson said.

For old-fashioned kids

Students will still be able to write the exams with pencil and paper if they choose.

Alberta Education Minister Jeff Johnson, seen here in an undated file photo, told student reporters that online diploma exams are on the horizon. METRO FILE

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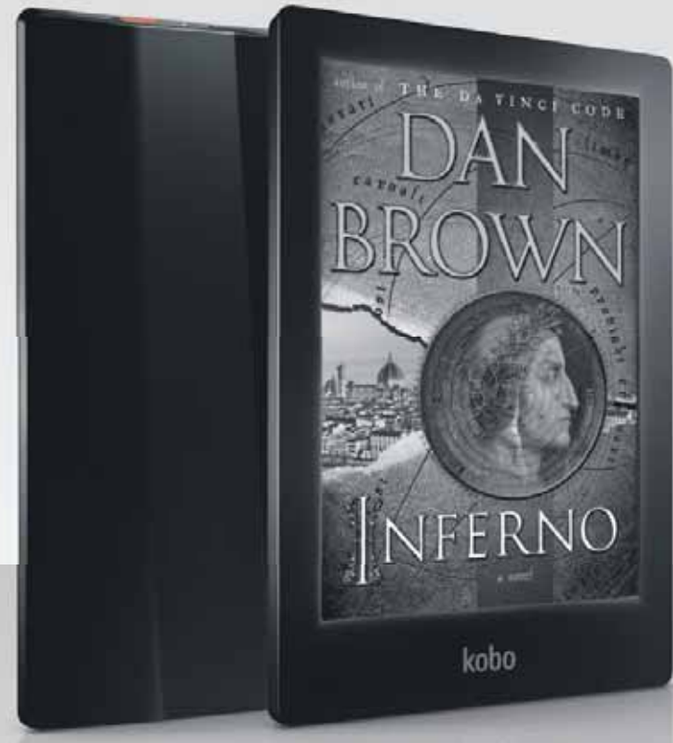

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Should cops have found missing women sooner?

Tough questions.
Cleveland police under scrutiny after rescue of captives who vanished almost a decade earlier

One neighbour says a naked woman was seen crawling in the backyard of the house a few years ago. Another heard pounding on the home's doors and noticed plastic over the windows.

Both times, police showed up but never went inside, neighbours say. Police also paid a visit to the house in 2004.

Now, after three women who vanished a decade ago were found captive at the house Monday, Cleveland police are facing questions about their handling of missing-person cases and are conducting an internal review to see if they overlooked anything.

City Safety Director Martin Flask said Tuesday that investigators had no record of anyone calling about criminal activity at the house but were still checking databases.

The women were rescued after one of them kicked out the bottom of a locked screen door and called 911. Neighbour Charles Ramsey heard the woman screaming and helped in the rescue.

"Help me. I'm Amanda Berry," the woman breathlessly told a dispatcher in a call that exhilarated and astonished much of the city. "I've been kidnapped and I've been missing for 10 years and ... I'm free now." Berry, 27, Michelle Knight, 32, and Gina DeJesus, about 23, had apparently been held captive in the house since their teens or early 20s, said Police Chief Michael McGrath. Three brothers, ages 50 to 54, were arrested. One of them, Ariel Castro, owned the home. No immediate charges were filed. A six-year-old girl believed to be Berry's daughter was also found, said Deputy Police Chief Ed Tomba. He would not say who the father was.

Ariel Castro

Pedro J. Castro

Onil Castro

Amanda Berry, right, hugs her sister Beth Serrano after being reunited in a Cleveland hospital Monday. Berry and two other women were found in a house in Cleveland Monday after being missing for about a decade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/FAMILY HANDOUT

The women were reported to be healthy and were reunited with family but remained in seclusion.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aug. 23, 2002

Michelle Knight, 20, vanishes. She was last seen at a cousin's house.

April 21, 2003

Amanda Berry, 16, disappears after leaving her job at a Burger King.

January 2004

Police go to Ariel Castro's home about three miles from where Knight and Berry were last seen. No one answers the door.

April 2, 2004

Georgina "Gina" DeJesus, 14, disappears while walking home from school.

May 6, 2013

Knight, Berry and DeJesus are found at Castro's home. Police arrest three brothers, Ariel, Pedro and Onil Castro, in connection with the disappearances.

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Disabled newlyweds sue to be together

Paul & Hava.
Mentally disabled couple files suit against N.Y. state group homes in order to share a bedroom

With the beaming smiles of newlyweds, Paul Forziano and Hava Samuels hold hands, exchange adoring glances and complete each other's sentences.

Their first wedding dance, he recalls, was to the song "Unchained ... Melody," she chimes in.

They spend their days together in the performing-arts education centre where they met in Port Jefferson, N.Y. But every night, they must part ways. Forziano goes to his group home. His wife goes to hers.

The state-sanctioned non-profits that run the group homes are not allowing the couple to share a bedroom, but the newlyweds and their parents are challenging the restriction in a federal civil-rights lawsuit.

"We're very sad when we leave each other," Forziano says. "I want to live with my wife because I love her."

The couple had been considering marriage for three years before tying the knot last month, and they contend in their lawsuit that they were refused permission from their respective group homes to live together as husband and wife. The couple's parents are seeking a solution. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hava Samuels dances with her new husband, Paul Forziano, on their wedding day in Wading River, N.Y. BRUCE PRESNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Survivor speaks. Limo driver could have done more to help us

Nelia Arellano desperately tried to squeeze through a narrow partition as smoke thickened and a fire grew in the back of a limousine.

Stuck for a moment in the three-foot-by-1.5-foot space, Arellano made her way into the front seat. Three of her friends quickly followed.

Five others didn't make it. Arellano said in an interview Monday that she believes the driver, Oliver Brown, could have done more to help during the fire, which took place Saturday on San Francisco bridge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A limousine is engulfed in flames on San Francisco's San Mateo-Hayward Bridge on May 4. Five female bodies were later found inside.
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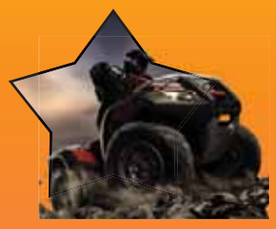

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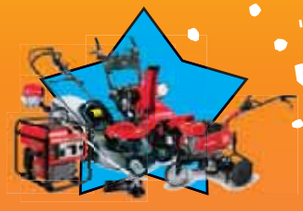

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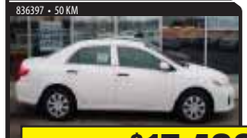
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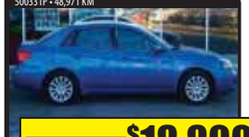
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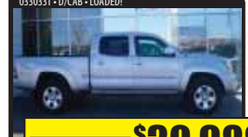
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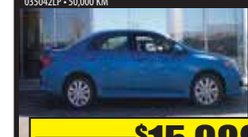
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Recent grad dies while vacationing in Mexico

Acadia University is mourning the loss of a student vacationing in Mexico.

A spokesman for the Nova Scotia school confirmed to Metro on Tuesday night that a recently graduated student had died in Cancun. Few details were provided, including the student's name.

"I am deeply saddened to inform our campus community that one of our graduating students passed away suddenly this morning while on vacation in Cancun, Mexico. We have few details about the circumstances at this time," Scott Roberts told the King's-County Register.

In an email to Metro, Roberts said the incident occurred on a privately-organized vacation and wasn't associated with the university.

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Dozens dead in Mexico blast

Firefighters work next to destroyed houses and vehicles after a gas tanker truck exploded on a highway in a Mexico City suburb early Tuesday. The blast killed and injured dozens, according to the Citizen Safety Department of Mexico State. GABRIELA SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Senate big spenders on the hook for big bucks

Audit. Politicians to be asked to pay back thousands of dollars over questionable expenses, source says

Two senators will be asked to reimburse taxpayers for large sums after an audit of their expenses, according to a source familiar with the results of the investigation.

Sen. Patrick Brazeau, who sits as an independent, will be asked to pay back about $30,000, and Liberal Sen. Mac Harb owes the government more than $100,000, the audit reportedly indicated.

Internal Senate committees are expected within the next two days to debate whether the audit findings should be passed on to the RCMP for possible investigation, the source said.

The report is the latest development in the uproar over spending by senators on housing and travel expenses.

Sen. Patrick Brazeau
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The independent forensic auditors have asked for more time to examine the travel expenses of Conservative Sen. Pamela Wallin. Wallin has reportedly already repaid a considerable sum to the government in connection with questionable expenses. But the investigation of her claims is not over, the source said.

Conservative Sen. Mike Duffy has also been investigated over funds he has claimed to pay his living allowance in Ottawa. But he reportedly returned more than $90,000 in expenses earlier this year after questions were raised about whether he should claim a cottage in Prince Edward Island as his principal residence. He has said he "may have been mistaken" in filling out forms about his principal residence.

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3D-printed gun shocker. Breakthrough surprised experts who believed plastic material not strong enough for gunfire

Cody Wilson takes the first-ever shot from a fully 3D-printed firearm Sunday. COURTESY DEFENSE DISTRIBUTED

Shots fired from Cody Wilson's "Liberator" have sparked a wider battle, following the U.S. student's successful test of the first fully 3D-printed firearm Sunday, with fears that homemade guns could flood the market.

Wilson, 25, has made the source code for the weapons available on his company website Defense Distributed, which has attracted thousands of downloads. "Currently Spain tops the #Liberator download chart. Followed closely by U.S.A." he tweeted Tuesday. The YouTube video of the test has received almost 1.5 million views in 48 hours.

"It's an achievement with clever design features that play to the strengths of 3D printing," U.S.-based gunsmith Michael Guslick told Metro. "It proves that printing guns is realistic."

Wilson, an anti-government activist, who hopes to "kill the spirit of gun control," has already indicated plans to produce assault weapons, and the potential has scared gun control advocates. "A felon can essentially open a gun factory in their garage," said U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer.

But the technology is still expensive and inefficient. "The number of people with access to such printers is extremely limited," said Michael Weinberg of policy think-tank Public Knowledge. "There are better ways to acquire, make and distribute guns if you want to do that."

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Under the gun

Project has attracted more than $20,000 US in funding, largely from users of digital currency Bitcoin.

- Wilson has plans to produce assault weapons.
- The U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives admits it has no way to stop him, having already issued him a manufacturing and distribution licence.

Zimbabwe

Jealous husband kills 5 by mistake

Court officials in Zimbabwe say a man has been charged with killing six people who died from poisoned food meant only for a neighbour he accused of flirting with his wife.

Saini Sakandya, 63, allegedly used a wild herb to spike food at his neighbour's house. But the neighbour, four members of his family and a builder shared the meal.

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China sex scandal

Party punishes 21 officials

China's ruling Communist Party has punished 21 officials after they allegedly were extorted by real estate developers who secretly filmed them with hired women. Footage of Chongqing district party chief Lei Zhengfu having sex with one of the women was leaked online.

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Tallying up the cost of boomerang kids

The parent trap. Report finds majority of boomers have stepped up to help support adult children

Along with reduced pensions, low returns on their savings and high debt, Canada's boomer generation is facing an additional burden as they ease into their retirement years — their "boomerang kids."

A report from TD Canada Trust suggests boomers are taking on more of the responsibility for their adult children struggling to attain financial self-sufficiency in the post-recession years of high youth unemployment and low wage gains.

The report, based on an online survey by Environics Research, shows a majority of boomers have stepped up to help support their adult children, and that as many as one-in-five say they would be prepared to put their own financial security at risk to help out.

The number one way of helping out is providing free room and board, but also contributing to major purchases like cars or computers, helping pay for rent and groceries and of course, paying off credit card bills.

"Today high youth unemployment, increasing post-secondary education costs and high property prices mean many young people are more likely to rely financially on their parents well into adulthood," said John Tracy, senior vice-president of TD Canada Trust of the results.

But Tracy warns boomers there is a risk of doing too much, particularly if it jeopardizes retirement plans.

Other studies have noted that with more than 60 per cent of Canadians not having a company pension plan to fall back on, many pre-retirees have not saved sufficiently to maintain anything resembling their current lifestyles. Some have chosen to work beyond traditional retirement years to maintain their standard of living.

At the other end of the age spectrum, young Canadians remain the most affected by the 2008-09 recession and the subsequent weak recovery.

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Youth unemployment

- At 14.2 per cent, youth unemployment remains more than twice that of other workers.
- But that does not tell the entire story. The 15-24 year cohort is the only age group that Statistics Canada calculates is still below the employment level that existed before the recession.

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Daring to celebrate curves

A new homegrown publication is seeking to help elevate the profile of curvier women in the fashion world. Dare Magazine, an online offering for curvy women size 12-plus, has been launched by fourth-year Ryerson University fashion communications student Diana Di Poce. Describing herself as "plus-size all my life," Di Poce said she has long been interested in fashion and beauty magazines, but found representation of average-size women on their pages lacking. See the first issue at daremag.ca. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Q1 results

WestJet stock drops over new capacity concerns

WestJet Airlines Ltd.'s "best ever" quarterly earnings were overshadowed Tuesday by a drop in its stock, as investors worried whether the airline will be able to profitably fill its planes as it increases capacity. Shares fell by as much as 13 per cent on the Toronto Stock Exchange, but recovered later in the day to close down $1.85 or 7.5 per cent at $22.87. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Retail. Loblaw launches loyalty program targeted to individual customers

Canada's largest grocer has launched a new digital loyalty program targeting customers with individually tailored promotions and recipes in an effort to drive sales and reduce reliance on flyers.

The Loblaw program, called PC Plus, targets customers based on their purchase histories, offering discounts on items they buy often and deeper discounts on products they might be interested in, but need some incentive to try.

The program will draw up grocery lists for customers and send them recipes for meals based on what they like and what's on sale, said Uwe Stueckmann, senior vice-president, marketing, for Loblaw Companies Limited.

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Feds tell research council to focus on helping industry

The Harper government is telling the National Research Council to focus more on practical, commercial science and less on fundamental science that may not have obvious business applications.

The government says the council traditionally was a supporter of business, but has wandered from that mandate in recent years — and will now get back to working on practical applications for industries.

The council has become a loose web of individual fiefdoms, each pursuing its own goals, Gary Goodyear, minister of state for science and technology, told a news conference Tuesday. The result, he said, was an inflexible agency that lost its ability to respond to the needs of industry. He said the revamped agency will concentrate on industrial research, new growth and business development.

Gary Goodyear, minister of state for science and technology, talks about changes to the National Research Council in Ottawa on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kennedy Stewart, the NDP critic for science and technology, called the move a bad one that will hurt core research while offering a boon to companies reluctant to invest in research. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Florida. Coca-Cola to invest $2B in new orange groves

The Coca-Cola Co., which owns the Minute Maid and Simply Juice brands, says it will invest $2 billion US to support the planting of 25,000 acres of new orange groves in Florida.

The president of Coca-Cola Americas says five million orange trees will be planted. Steve Cahillane says the new groves are believed to be the largest addition in the state in at least 15 years. They will be located in central Florida.

Company officials say the new groves and resulting juice production for Coca-Cola will add about 4,100 jobs to Florida's economy.

Minute Maid Orange juice made by the Coca-Cola Co. is seen on a store shelf in Miami in this file photo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Albuquerque, N.M. Intel worker sues over 'Kick Me' sign taped to his back

Intel workers secretly taped a "Kick Me" sign to the back of a co-worker as a prank, then kicked the confused man a number of times as employees at the Rio Rancho Intel plant laughed hysterically at the episode, according to a federal lawsuit.

The Intel employee, Harvey Palacio, said in the complaint recently filed in Albuquerque, N.M. that once he suspected something was taped on his back during the August prank, he went to senior staffer Randy Lehman to ask if something was there.

"Lehman said turn around and as Palacio did he saw and heard (another employee) yell out 'Don't read it, just do it,'" the lawsuit said.

Lehman then kicked Palacio three times in his buttocks, according court documents. Another employee, Chris Zeltinger, who the lawsuit said exchanged Christmas gifts with Palacio, kicked him twice as he was seeking help to remove the sign.

The lawsuit seeks an unspecified amount for damages and attorney's fees.

Lehman and Zeltinger were later convicted of petty misdemeanour battery and ordered to perform 16 hours of community service. Both also lost their Intel jobs because of the prank.

Workplace bullying?

- Harvey Palacio also said co-workers would hide his work uniform and filled his work bag with trash. He claims the abuse he faced over a few months was racially motivated because he's Filipino.

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Crowdfunding preserves lab of science pioneer

Nikola Tesla. Online campaign raises $1.3M to buy property where Edison rival worked

A New York community group that raised $1.3 million US in a six-week online fundraising effort has purchased a laboratory once used by visionary scientist Nikola Tesla.

"We're feeling very excited and gratified that we've reached this milestone," said Jane Alcorn, president of the Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe, on Long Island. Her group announced last week that it had finalized the purchase of the Tesla lab and property for $850,000 US.

Volunteers struggled for nearly two decades to raise money to acquire the property with limited success.

Their effort got a jolt of support last summer from Seattle cartoonist Matthew Inman, a Tesla fan who started promoting the fundraising effort on his website, theoatmeal.com.

Within six weeks, more than $1.3 million US had been raised from 33,000 donors in the U.S. and 108 countries.

Tesla abandoned the lab in 1917, and for many years it was a photo chemical processing plant.

Who was Tesla?

- Tesla was a rival of Thomas Edison who imagined a world of free electricity. He conducted experiments in the early 20th century at his laboratory in Shoreham, N.Y., about 100 kilometres east of New York City.
- Among Tesla's accomplishments were developments in alternating current and research in the creation of wireless communication and radio. He died in New York City in 1943.

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Renovations needed

And now, the grunt work begins…

Jane Alcorn, president of the Tesla Science Center said that the purchase of the property was a key first step but noted much work needs to be done before the group can realize its goal: "to create a fitting memorial to Tesla and a science centre to benefit the entire world." She estimated another $10 million US will be required to renovate the property, which is overrun with brush and includes several dilapidated buildings in the complex that will likely need to be demolished.

Alcorn said her group's first priority is to secure the property from further vandalism. Additional fundraisers are being discussed, but Alcorn had no specific details.

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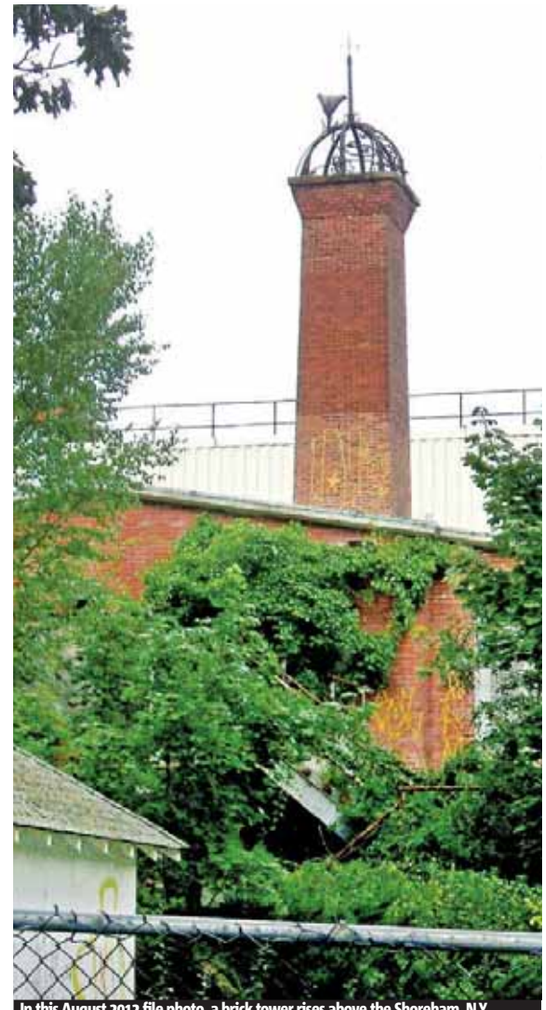

In this August 2012 file photo, a brick tower rises above the Shoreham, N.Y., building that was once the laboratory of Nicola Tesla. The Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe, which raised $1.3 million US in a six-week online fundraising effort, has purchased the laboratory and property for $850,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

VIRTUAL REALITY BITES, TOO

JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan
metronews.ca

What would you do if you found out someone was calling you a lying, cheating, perverted, sex maniac pedophile all over the Internet?

If all of this made-up propaganda was having a real impact on your career as a teacher?

If someone posted pictures of you naked on your own Facebook page?

What would you do if there was nothing you could do?

Welcome to Lee David Clayworth's nightmare. He's a 35-year-old Vancouver teacher who, back in 2010, was in a relationship with a woman named Lee Ching Yan when he was teaching in Malaysia. After a few weeks, she seemed increasingly vindictive and controlling, so he broke up with her — thereby driving his life into the ditch.

He says his former girlfriend broke into his apartment and swiped his laptop and hard drive — as well as his passport, money and all his clothes. That was bad enough, but it wasn't long before two and a half years of online harassment began.

It's not hard to find verification for his accusation. Even today, the first reference that comes up when you Google Lee David Clayworth is a post on something called liarscheatersrus.com accusing him of cheating … adding that he has a nasty STD to boot.

Clayworth sued Yan for defamation in Malaysia — and won. But that did nothing to stem the cyberbullying ruining his life. So he's taken to telling his story to the media, and now the defamation is tempered by numerous defenders rushing to his aid.

Still, it's going to take a while before his worldwide-web reputation is restored. It would help if he could find his tormentor, but she could be in Australia. Or not. He doesn't know where she is. All he knows is that she's still wreaking havoc.

You could argue you should never post nude pictures of yourself anywhere. Don't even get naked. Stay fully clothed. As we've all learned, your private stuff is not really private when phishers and hackers are determined to steal it. Lee David Clayworth probably learned that lesson nearly three years ago. He doesn't really need to keep learning it.

As for the rest of us, we're all learning, day after day, that the Internet is a new and powerful way to hurt other people. Malicious trolls and bullies violate our private places and make our lives a living hell, especially if we're already vulnerable. Just ask Amanda Todd. Just ask Rehtaeh Parsons.

The guys who invented the Internet had no idea it was going to turn into an instrument of torture. Never mind that it's a great place to learn how to make a bomb.

It's probably too late for Lee David Clayworth — if you were a school principal, would you hire the star of liarscheatersrus.com, even if you knew he was falsely accused? — but law enforcement is moving in to end the wild freedom and anonymity that characterizes the Internet.

Too bad, but it turns out virtual reality bites, too.

ZOOM

A heartbreaking pic of staggering cuteness

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Koala left homeless

He came back, only to find his home gone. This confused koala was found last month atop shredded bark, where once his woodland habitat stood, in Vittoria State Forest, some 185 kilometres west of Sydney, Australia. A forestry worker reported the marsupial to wildlife rescue service WIRES, who sent a volunteer to rescue the animal. **METRO**

Recovering at the vet before return to wild

The young sub-adult male koala was discovered with an eye infection, and was brought to a local veterinarian where he spent a few days in care. After his eye fully healed, the animal was released into a nearby koala habitat. "My feeling is that I am glad we were able to rescue the koala and take it into care in good time," WIRES general manager Leanne Taylor told Metro. **METRO**

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With Chris Hadfield's adventures in space making headlines in recent months, space exploration has gained a new dose of respect (and even a few new songs). If @Cmdr_Hadfield's 140 characters aren't enough to satiate your appetite, you can fill the black hole with these space blogs.

Bad Astronomy:

Formerly found on Discovery Magazine's website, Phil Plait's Bad Astronomy blog has now landed on Slate. Having worked on the Hubble telescope for 10 years, Plait knows a thing or two about the stars — and regularly debunks popular space myths.

Space:

Home to all things out of this world, Space.com posts accessible videos, graphics and articles about skies, stars and the search for life. If you don't care to read about the stars, at least visit for the photos (and maybe you'll stay for the articles).

Basic Space:

Scientific America's space blog — cleverly named Basic Space — decodes space and astrophysics research. Don't really understand bosons? Me neither, but I do now thanks to writer Kelly Oakes (apparently, Margaret Thatcher was ahead of us on this and very clearly knew about the W Boson).

Letters

RE: Where Does Religion Fit In?, published May 6

I feel compelled to expand upon the writer's argument supporting a "hands-off" approach to her child's religious education by asking a few additional questions.

Why teach our children anything? Surely our kids would be better off never learning to read. Isn't that the only way to prevent them from being exposed to negative media, unfriendly text-messages or emails, or the need to count calories in food to the chagrin of their self-image?

Of course the fallacy in this argument is self-evident. We as parents have an opportunity (and responsibility) to provide our children with the tools and confidence to excel within society. This means investing in every aspect of their physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual upbringing.

To overlook the good within religion amidst the bad is to throw the baby out with the baptismal water. Embracing religious illiteracy offers no protection, no comfort, and no direction. And it offers no assurances of a healthy development fuelled by personal choice, popular opinion and a world of relative truth.

What it does offer is an easy-way-out-approach to a common problem ... one that may not prove so easy in the end. Kudos — of course — on a very thought-provoking article. Best wishes to each parent on their own journey.

Gregory Day, Toronto

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Leonardo DiCaprio and Carey Mulligan star in the latest film rendition of The Great Gatsby. HANDOUT

Difficult finding the Great when it comes to Gatsby on big screen

New movie. Capturing the mood of one of the best books of the last 100 years has proven exceedingly difficult for filmmakers

IN FOCUS
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F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby is one of the best-known novels of the 1900s. Dubbed one of the two best books of the last century by The Modern Library, these days Gatsby may be more familiar as the movie that reestablished Vincent Chase's career on the show Entourage.

On the HBO series, Chase (Adrian Grenier) was a fast-fading movie star until Martin Scorsese cast him in a movie based on the book. That fictional film became a big hit and put Chase back on top of the Hollywood heap.

This weekend The Great Gatsby comes to the big screen for real when Moulin Rouge director Baz Luhrmann unleashes a 3D version of the story starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Carey Mulligan.

It's not the first time the life and times of doomed Jazz Age millionaire Jay Gatsby has appeared in theatres.

In 1926, just one year after the book was published, a silent movie starring William Powell was released. The movie was popular with audiences but at least two paying customers weren't impressed.

Scott Fitzgerald and his wife, Zelda, walked out of a screening. Later an incensed Zelda wrote to her daughter, "We saw The Great Gatsby in the movies. It's rotten!"

A 1949 film noir version spun the story to fit its lead actor. Movie tough guy Alan Ladd — billed as Ladd: Man of Violence and Mystery — stars in a cautionary tale about learning "the hard way about the wages of sin."

To play up to Ladd's core audience he's seen firing a machine gun in a story that focuses on Gatsby's violent history as a bootlegger. Despite Ladd's fame and passion for the project (he personally convinced Paramount to make the film), the movie was not a success, and was eventually withdrawn by the studio. To this day it's still hard to find a copy.

The most famous version to date starred two of the biggest stars of the 1970s: Robert Redford and Mia Farrow. Working from a script by Francis Ford Coppola — who lived in F. Scott Fitzgerald's home while he wrote the screenplay — the movie stays true to the novel. Embellished by beautiful set design and lush costumes, it's a treat for the eyes, but received tepid reviews. The New York Times wrote, "the movie itself is as lifeless as a body that's been too long at the bottom of a swimming pool."

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Kat Von D. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Sure, she gets cramps, but gender won't define Kat

In her third book, Go Big or Go Home, acclaimed tattoo artist and reality star Kat Von D delves deep to tell stories from her own life, as well as the experiences she's shared with clients. But she's still not sure if she's the groundbreaker she's made out to be.

In a recent interview with Metro, Von D says she doesn't want being a woman to define her career. "Although I feel lucky to be a girl because it's fun to be a girl, I get kind of annoyed by these uber-feminists who make gender such a big part of who they are," the reality TV star said when we asked her what it's like being a female tattoo artist in such a male-dominated industry.

"I don't think gender should define you. I've always wanted my work to speak for itself. So, as for the challenges of being in a male-dominated field? I get cramps once a month, but that's it."

Lauryn Hill

Lauryn Hill's going to jail

Looks like blaming slavery isn't enough to keep Lauryn Hill out of jail. In addition to having to pay a $60,000 fine, the singer was sentenced yesterday in Newark, N.J. to three months of prison, three months of house arrest, and nine months of supervised release for not paying taxes on the $1.5 million she made from 2005 to 2007. "I am a child of former slaves who had a system imposed on them. I had an economic system imposed on me. I sold 50 million units (and) now I'm up here paying a tax debt. If that's not likened to slavery, I don't know what is," she told the judge in her defence. (The judge was not swayed.)

"I had an economic system imposed on me." Is Lauryn Hill going to be the new spokesperson for the Tea Party? Better not tell her about Obamacare or else she's really going to flip.

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The Word

Vonn and Woods take their romance public

Well, lookie here. Tiger Woods and Lindsay Vonn went out as an "official" couple.

The sports duo showed up together at the annual Costume Institute Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in NYC on Monday night.

But according to Us Weekly, their big night out wasn't without its problems, as Woods maybe had a little too much to drink.

At the gala's after-party at the Standard Hotel, the two did get handsy with one another (an onlooker tells the magazine they "chatted, drank, held hands and kissed for much of the night.") But then around 2 a.m., a "seemingly tipsy" Woods fell on the ground and didn't move until Vonn helped him up.

Seems like an excellent ending to a first outing to me.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon

This isn't Love and Hip Hop

In an appearance on the KTLA Morning News, Nick Cannon defended his wife Mariah Carey and her on-going feud with co-judge Nicki Minaj on American Idol.

"My wife (had) foreseen all this. She tried to tell the network, 'I don't think this is going to work. I'm afraid ... I don't need this.'" Cannon said Carey warned that pairing her and Minaj on the same panel was "taking it in the wrong direction, because this is going to turn into one of those reality shows. She's like, 'I didn't sign up to be on Love and Hip Hop.'"

But that doesn't mean Carey is letting the fighting bother her. Per Cannon: "She comes home and just doesn't have time for it. She's too busy trying to be the world's biggest superstar-mom."

Ja Rule

Rapper Ja Rule leaves lockup after serving time for tax conviction

Federal authorities say platinum-selling rapper Ja Rule has left federal prison.

The Federal Bureau of Prisons says he left a correctional facility in New York's Adirondacks on Tuesday, though time remains on his sentence.

The bureau says the release date for the 36-year-old rapper, whose real name is Jeffrey Atkins, technically remains July 28, with possible community-based supervision for the balance.

TMZ reports his wife picked him up and that he'll remain in home confinement until then.

Ja Rule had served most of a two-year sentence for illegal gun possession in a New York state prison before his release in February and subsequent transfer into federal custody in the tax evasion case.

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5 Free things to do in Portland

In Oregon's Stumptown (one of Portland's nicknames, evoking a bygone era of rapid land development and tree-cutting) living thrifty is living well. And there's plenty of free things to do around town.

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Powell's City of Books

Step back into the foggy mists of yesteryear — OK, maybe just a decade or two — when bookstores were still a viable enterprise. If Portland, as television's Portlandia suggests, does keep alive the dream of the '90s, then Powell's is its muse. People-watch, browse away or curl up in one of the comfy chairs. The block-long bookstore is a mainstay on tourism guides. It's a haven for used, out-of-print, rare or autographed books.

Forest Park

Five thousand acres (2,023 hectares) of rolling hills, fire lanes and the simple stillness of the Oregon wild are within city limits, less than a 10-minute drive from downtown Portland. The park is best enjoyed by a slow amble up the Wildwood Trail, with creeks bubbling and chipmunks chittering under a shady conifer canopy. Only a short drive away is Washington Park, home to the International Rose Test Garden, with more than 10,000 rose plants.

Farmers Markets

For the daring, the curious and the shameless, Portland's farmers markets mean one thing: free tastes. Perhaps it's the Rogue River Blue Cheese at the Thursday market in Northwest. Or perhaps the carnivores in your group will make for the beef and chicken of Viridian Farms, darlings of the local restaurant scene. Samples of almost everything are made bite-sized and jammed on a toothpick, and markets can be found nearly every day of the week, anchored by the massive Saturday Market downtown.

Old West architecture

With all the flannel, unicycles and pour-over coffee, it's easy to forget that Portland was once an Old West town, a fact reflected in its architecture if you're willing to look hard enough. The best example is the Pioneer Courthouse downtown, the oldest federal building in the Pacific Northwest. The dark wood of its halls, constructed in 1869, make it a quiet refuge from the busy, adjacent courthouse square. Six blocks east bring you to The Lotus, opened as a "soda bar" during Prohibition (yeah, right) built underneath the Lotus Hotel, a reputed brothel.

Used stuff

Buffalo Exchange, the used clothing store chain, at *those* prices? Never. The most Portland part of Portland, the one that inspires the jokes, is on Hawthorne Boulevard, where you'll find House of Vintage, Red Light Clothing Exchange and half a dozen others. It's not just recycled clothing that sets this city apart. But you don't have to spend anything to take in the scene: browsing is free and people-watching is a sport.

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Hollywood and Vine. California's wineries aren't just for the drinker

The entrance to Francis Ford Coppola's winery. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sometimes visitors to MacMurray Ranch, the 1,500-acre (600-hectare) spread owned by movie and TV actor Fred MacMurray for a half-century, want to know: Where's the heliport? Where's the screening room?

Kate MacMurray, Fred's daughter, just smiles. "This was our home," she explains.

What visitors will find at the ranch is a place that's not much different than when the MacMurray family lived there, right down to the rocking chair with the wide flat arms just right for holding the actor's drink as he sat reading the paper in the evening, close enough to the window to keep an eye on the Black Angus cattle he raised.

MacMurray and his wife, actress June Haver, bought the ranch in 1941. The MacMurrays used it for diversified farming during World War II and later raised cattle.

The MacMurray Ranch is now owned by the Gallo wine family and open to the public only during the Sonoma Wine Country Weekend in August, but it's one of several California wineries with celebrity connections, including wineries owned by Godfather director Francis Ford Coppola, the late Davy Crockett star Fess Parker, and the late Perry Mason star Raymond Burr.

MacMurray, star of such classics as Double Indemnity and The Apartment, and later the star of the popular TV series My Three Sons, spent his free time at the ranch and was deeply involved in the local agricultural scene. Photographs displayed in the property's refurbished barn show the couple with their prize cattle (owners and beast looking very spiffy). There are also a series of historical photographs following the evolution of the ranch from hops and prunes to livestock and now vines.

"If you held a mirror up to our ranch what would reflect back is the whole history of agriculture in Northern California," MacMurray points out. "It's quite remarkable."

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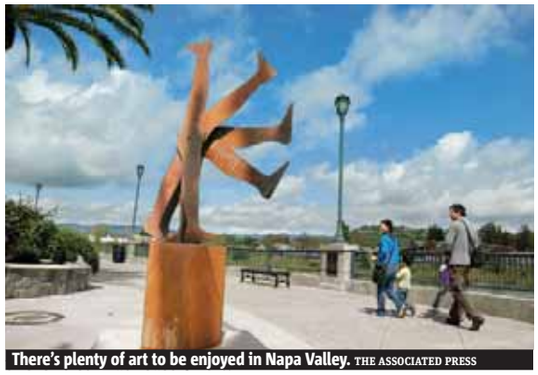
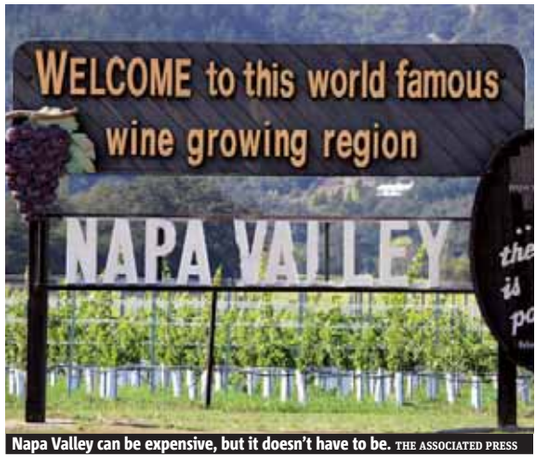

There's plenty of art to be enjoyed in Napa Valley. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Napa Valley can be expensive, but it doesn't have to be. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Love the lush and lovely Napa Valley but hate how expensive it can be? You're not the first. In the late 19th century, writer Robert Louis Stevenson moved his honeymoon to the rustic but free setting of an abandoned mining camp when the $10-a-week going rate for Calistoga hotels proved too much for his slender purse.

You're not likely to find free lodging today, but there are a number of things you can enjoy.

The scenery

There are two main ways to see the Napa Valley by car.

Highway 29 is a straight shot from the south end of the valley — marked by the famous Grape Crusher Statue — through Napa, Yountville, Oakville, Rutherford, St. Helena and Calistoga. Along the way are dozens of restaurants and wineries, including the Robert Mondavi Winery and Inglenook, the winery restored by director Francis Ford Coppola. Be aware traffic gets heavy at rush hour and slows to a crawl when there's a big event going on, such as the annual wine auction held the first weekend in June.

To reach the Grape Crusher Statue from Highway 29 (heading north from the San Francisco Bay area), turn left onto Soscol Ferry Road, continue on Vista Point Drive, then continue onto Napa Valley Corporate Drive and then right at the statue.

The other driving option is the Silverado Trail, which is most easily picked up by taking the Trancas Street exit from Highway 29 in Napa and then turning left when you see the sign for the Silverado Trail. The trail more or less runs parallel to Highway 29 but is quieter, winding through green vistas of vineyards and rolling hills. Wineries along this route include Mumm Napa Valley.

Wineries

The days when winery owners routinely poured their wares for free are no more, although several wineries offer two-for-one tasting coupons (check online before you visit), and others will waive tasting fees if you buy a bottle to take home. But every offering tariff-free tasting. That would be Sutter Home Family Vineyards — the people who introduced America to white zinfandel in the 1970s — in St. Helena. Stop by the charming tasting room on Highway 29 in St. Helena (277 St. Helena Highway) and taste up to four wines free from the eight-wine tasting menu, which includes a zinfandel port.

Markets

The Napa Valley is famous for fine dining and you can watch some of the city's top chefs plying their trade at the Napa Chef's Market, a free weekly event on Thursday nights in downtown Napa. Traffic is rerouted so the market is like a big street party. There are two cooking demonstrations at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. where you can watch the food being made and then enjoy a taste when it's done.

Hikes

The Land Trust of Napa County offers free hikes most weeks between April and November exploring the wild side of the valley. Go online to see the hikes planned for this year. Advance registration is required and some of the hikes are quite strenuous.

Artful touring

More than 75 wineries have art on display all year long. Some of the places to see free art anytime include The Hess Collection's contemporary art museum, featuring works from the private collection of owner Donald Hess (4411 Redwood Road, Napa, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.), and The Baron Wolman Gallery at Markham Vineyards (2812 St. Helena Highway, St. Helena, open daily 11 a.m.- 5 p.m.), with photographs by Wolman, Rolling Stone's first chief photographer.

Stevenson State Park, which includes a five-mile hike one-way (eight-kilometre) to the top of Mount St. Helena, offering panoramic views of the valley and beyond. The park is about eight miles (13 kilometres) north of Calistoga on Highway 29; limited parking, no bathrooms.

The cabin where Stevenson and his bride dodged those pricey rack rates of 1880 is long gone, but a monument about a mile (1.6 kilometres) up the trail marks the area where the couple stayed.

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Newfoundland

Seamus O'Regan talks The Rock

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Seamus O'Regan, former co-host of Canada AM, is a broadcaster, writer and proud Newfoundlander. I recently chatted with him about his home province and why it should be on every traveller's hit list.

What are the top three places people should visit in Newfoundland and Labrador?

Top of my list is the Torngat Mountains but that is so far north in Labrador, part of Canada's newest national park. Very difficult to get there; tough and expensive. You need to get to Goose Bay and from there to Nain, where you will need a helicopter and a boat. That is a very aspirational destination.

I think Gros Morne is unbelievable. It's a slice of Norway that's been put into our country.

Signal Hill (in St. John's). There are very few cities in the world that have a national historic site and such a beautiful hike right in the city. My preferred route is up the hill by side of the road and then coming down the back along the cliff and into the city and then straight to the Duke of Duckworth.

Is that the best pub in St. John's?

It's my pub. The Duke was my home away from home. Allan Hawco (lead actor on the CBC's Republic of Doyle) is more of aficionado. They replicated the Duke on a sound stage for the show. It's a genuine Newfoundland pub, the real deal. Owners are amazing.

When is the best time to go?

I like early July because that's when the iceberg season is meeting the whale season. Icebergs making their way down the Eastern seaboard and whales coming up. My friend Stan Cook has a sea kayaking operation in Cape Broyle that is legendary. To be on the surface of the water and see an iceberg and a whale — by the way it is exceptionally safe — is the most extraordinary feeling.

Beautiful Newfoundland. FLICKR

Fall is also beautiful. Never count on the weather in Newfoundland, but that's not what you are there for. If you are into sun and sand then this is not the place to go. But if you are into how cozy a pub can feel on a rainy day, into breathtaking natural beauty and most importantly into the friendliest, funniest and frankly the sexiest people in the world…then yah, Newfoundland.

Finger Lakes. Explore New York State's tourism treasure in the summer months

ALISON BOWENS
Metro World News in New York

Wedge in a quick hike between wine tastings. VISIT-FINGERLAKES/FLICKR

As the weather warms, you might be itching to get out of city limits and somewhere where honking is replaced by the gurgling of a river or, simply, the silence of a sparkling lake. So set your sights for the Finger Lakes, which New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo just this week called a state tourism "treasure." Whether you want a light hike or a great waterside wine, Finger Lakes will deliver you into a weekend in the sun. Their warm weather is just beginning, so book your trip during their super-quick summer season.

Hike

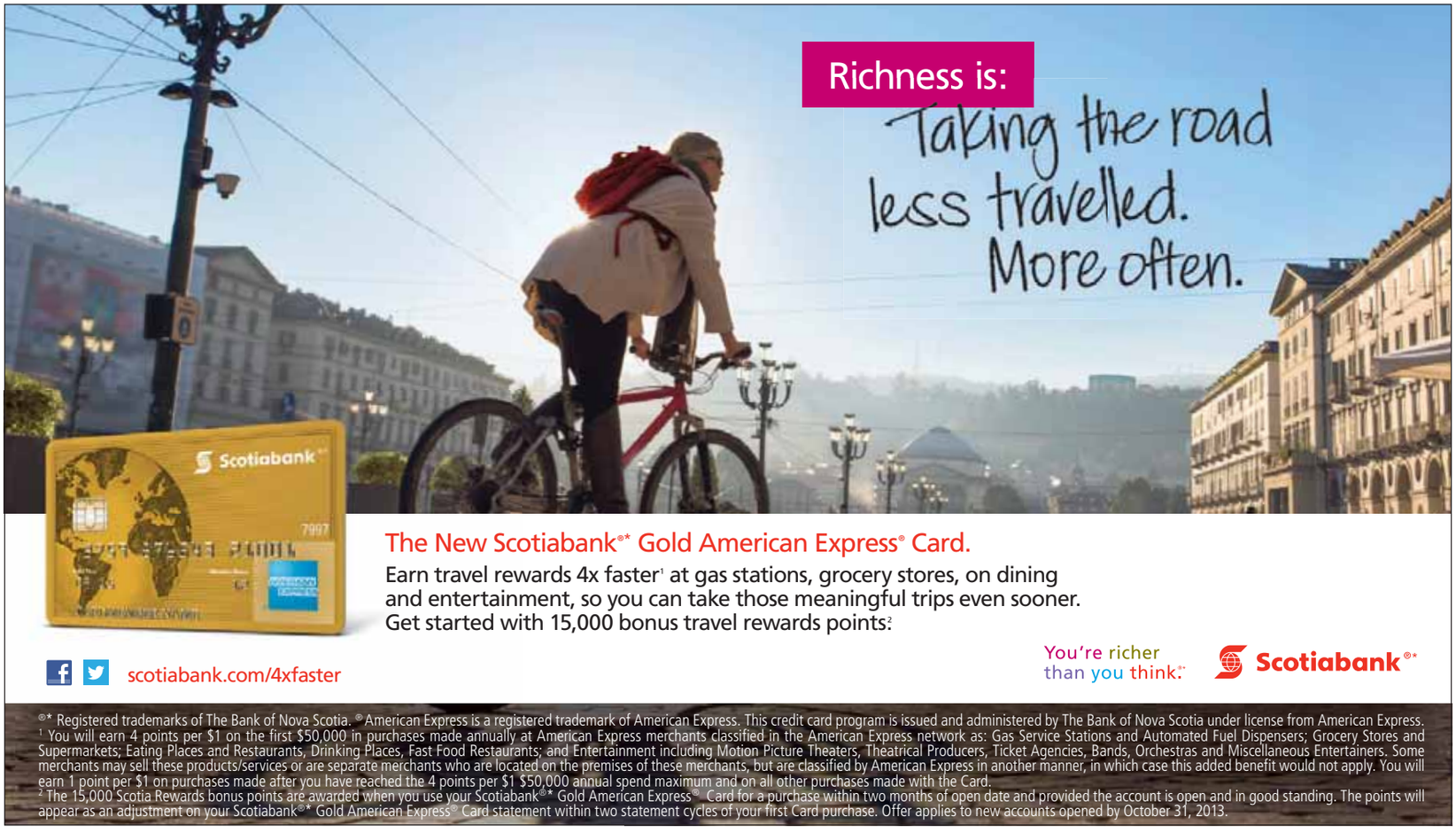
For a quick hike you can wedge in between wine tastings, head to Grimes Glen in Naples, N.Y., where you hear water gurgling as you step outside the car. This is perfect for a packed itinerary — squeeze it in and get as close as time allows to a beautiful waterfall. Prepare to get shoes muddy or even wet — you may pick your way along large rocks in the creek. Relax after at the famed Monica's Pies, where locals insist you must try a grape pie.

Ride

Take in the scenery by horseback in the 22-acre land around Painted Bar Stables in Burdett, N.Y., where the owner will select among dozens of horses for you, whether beginner or a practiced rider. The stable offers rides from 45 minutes to overnight, rain or shine, and by moonlight.

Explore

Watkins Glen, N.Y., is a great town to use your walking shoes. Explore the quaint downtown and then head to the nearby Watkins Glen State Park to hike. Watkins Glen State Park is a must-see in this area, boasting 19 waterfalls along trails that wind along the natural wonders and overlook a magnificent gorge. A stream in the glen descends 400 feet, passing 200-foot cliffs that park officials promise will leave you spellbound.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After decades of declining growth, Cincinnati is on an upswing, pumping billions of dollars into revitalization. In less than 10 years, the city has transformed itself back into a growing, bustling destination as businesses and residents flock to downtown and surrounding neighbourhoods. **STORY AND PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Five free things to do in Cincy

Over-the-Rhine

This picturesque neighbourhood, named and settled by German immigrants in the 19th century, was the site of the city's race riots in 2001. But block by block, the city has retaken the neighbourhood that was once dubbed the most dangerous in America and transformed its shabby but beautiful buildings into some of the city's best bars and restaurants. Over-the-Rhine has the most Italianate architecture still standing in the U.S., and to many outsiders it looks more like it belongs in Brooklyn than Cincinnati.

Findlay Market

Cincinnati residents have been getting fresh meat, produce and homemade bread at Findlay Market since 1855, making it the oldest continuously running public market in the Buckeye State and one of the most beloved historic landmarks in the city. Families, hipsters, yuppies and tourists alike stroll through and shop at the more than two dozen indoor vendors and, from spring to fall, the outdoor farmers' market. Wine-tastings, the best barbecue in the city and a popular Vietnamese restaurant are definitely not free, but the people-watching — which rivals any of Europe's public squares — is.

The Bridges

The Roebling Suspension Bridge, which sits between the Bengals and Reds stadiums in a bustling spot along the riverfront, is the most recognizable of all of Cincinnati's landmarks. Pedestrians can walk across the bridge into Covington, Ky., and head due east into the quaint and beautiful Licking Riverside Historic District. From there, they can cross the Fourth Street Bridge over the Licking River and into Newport, Ky., and head back across to Cincinnati over the Purple People Bridge.

Fountain Square

The heart of downtown Cincinnati, Fountain Square underwent a $49 million renovation and reopened in 2006. From Reds and Bengals game-watching parties on a massive high-definition television screen and live salsa-dancing lessons that attract hundreds of people of all skill levels to near-daily concerts during nice weather, practically the only thing in Fountain Square that isn't free is the beer.

Mount Adams

A beautiful stroll in Cincinnati begins in lovely Eden Park — so named for the biblical paradise — and ends atop Mount Adams, which offers a stunning view of downtown and northern Kentucky. Walkers would be advised to begin in the picnic-worthy Presidential Grove, where each U.S. president has a tree named after him, before strolling by Mirror Lake and heading up the hill to Mount Adams. At the top is the Cincinnati Art Museum, which houses more than 60,000 works and is, remarkably, free.

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First time cooking with lamb? Try this meatloaf

Ingredients

Meatloaf:
- 1 kg (2 lb) lean ground lamb
- 1/2 Spanish onion, diced
- 7 ml (1/2 tbsp) cracked black pepper
- 10 ml (2 tsp) cumin
- 2 eggs
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) bread crumbs

Pesto:
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) mustard seeds
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) fresh dill (or 15 ml/1 tbsp dried)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) extra virgin olive oil
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sea salt

Glaze:
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) oil
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) onions, diced
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) red peppers, diced
- 250 ml (1 cup) red pepper jelly
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) beef stock

You may have to ask your grocery store or butcher for ground lamb but it's a good way to start if you've never cooked with lamb before.

1. For pesto: Put the mustard seeds, fresh dill, oil and salt in a mortar and pestle and "grind" to make a chunky paste-like mixture. (Use a food processor if you do not have a mortar and pestle.) Set aside.

2. For meatloaf: Preheat oven to 200 C (400 F). In a bowl, mix with your hands the lamb, onion, pepper, cumin, eggs and bread crumbs until just incorporated. Don't overmix the meat.

3. Transfer the meatloaf mixture into a shallow pan. The meat should be wider than it is tall. Spread the pesto over the top. Put meatloaf into the oven on the middle rack. Bake for 50-60 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 68 C (155 F). Remove from oven and rest about 10 minutes.

Ground Lamb Meatloaf with Pesto and Red Pepper Glaze

This recipe makes 4 servings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4. For the glaze, heat a heavy skillet to medium-high. Add oil, onions, red pepper and sauté until onions begin to brown. Add the red pepper jelly, stirring until the jelly melts down. Add stock and reduce heat. Cook until mixture has slightly thickened.

5. Slice the meatloaf, and pour warm red pepper glaze over each slice.

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Impress dinner guests with an elegant Roasted Rack of Lamb

This recipe makes 4 servings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

1. Move oven rack to the centre position and preheat oven to 230 C (450 F).

2. In a large bowl, combine bread crumbs, garlic, rosemary, salt and pepper to taste. Toss in 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil to moisten mixture. Set aside.

3. Season the rack all over with salt and pepper. Heat 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil in a large heavy oven-proof skillet over high heat. Sear rack of lamb for 1 to 2 minutes on all sides. Set aside for a few minutes.

4. Brush rack of lamb with the mustard. Roll in the bread crumb mixture until evenly coated. Cover the ends of the bones with foil to prevent charring. Arrange the rack bone side down in the skillet.

5. Roast the lamb in preheated oven for 12 to 18 minutes, depending on the degree of doneness you want. With a meat thermometer, take a reading in the centre of the meat after 10 to 12 minutes and remove the meat, or let it cook longer, to your taste.

Ingredients
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) fresh bread crumbs
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) minced garlic
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh rosemary
- salt
- black pepper
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) olive oil (divided in half)
- 1 7-bone rack of lamb, trimmed and frenched
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Dijon mustard

6. Let it rest for 5 to 7 minutes, loosely covered, before carving between the ribs.

Note: Allow internal temperature to be 5 to 10 degrees F less than you like because the meat will continue to cook while it sits. Bloody rare: 46 to 51 C (115 to 125 F). Rare: 51 to 54 C (125 to 130 F). Medium rare: 54 to 60 C (130 to 140 F). Medium: 60 to 65 C (140 to 150 F).

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GINJA NINJA GINGER BEER

The new Ginja Ninja Ginger Beer by Granville Island Brewing will be invading your favourite pubs, restaurants, and liquor stores this summer.

"Our Ginger Beer was one of our most popular big bottle limited releases last year," says Vern Lambourne, GIB brewmaster.

"We've brought it back now as a seasonal six-pack selection and spiced it up with a subtle, yet memorable, ginger kick that stealthily blends into this light-bodied lager."

Brewed with real ginger, the Ginja Ninja strikes first with its fresh ginger aroma, then follows up with fruity flavours and mellow ginger spice. The ginger notes are supported by a light malt character, and Ginja Ninja's colour matches the golden-yellow hue of its key ingredient.

"Local beer drinkers are thirsty for new and different beer choices to complement the seasons," says Doug Devlin, director of marketing. "Granville Island Brewing offers that 'something different' for summer with a new beer that boasts just the right balance of intensity and drinkability to make it a refreshingly approachable choice for all summer occasions."

Ginja Ninja brings satisfying refreshment in every bottle or glass. Try it as the base ingredient in a beer cocktail, or pair it with a wide range of foods.

"Ginja Ninja pairs great with mild foods like sushi, or even spicy full-flavoured dishes like jerk chicken," Lambourne says.

"With our new seasonal release, GIB continues to explore new and flavourful beer horizons to excite and intrigue the curious," Devlin says.

GIB's latest beer has just arrived in Alberta. Look out for it at Sobeys, Co-op and other fine beer and wine stores in Calgary.

To find out more, visit GIB.ca.

Office improv: Get your goof on at work

Professionals can be playful. Incorporating off-the-cuff behaviour into meetings can lighten the mood

NATALIE SHURE
Metro News World in New York

When most people think about improv comedy classes, they think about over-the-top performances and aspiring future Saturday Night Live cast members.

While this reputation for goofiness might seem ill-suited for the buttoned-up professional world, many improv theatre companies are challenging these expectations by offering corporate training courses to various companies.

By drawing upon lessons from the world of improv, instructors strive to promote the development of team building, communication and problem solving skills applicable to the workplace.

"Improv is so cavalier and edgy," conceded Carter Edwards, who helms the corporate leg of the Upright Citizens Brigade. "But as soon as we started this, we started to see how translatable the philosophies of improv were to corporate training."

Chief among these philosophies is the strategy of "yes, and," which encourages actors in a scene to accept and build upon anything their partners create.

"The majority of the corporate world would never think to do this, but as soon as we describe it to them, there's a major a-ha moment that goes on with the participants," Edwards said.

To help professionals work harmoniously and productively, Rob DiNinni of Stage Coach Improv has also made "yes, and" a central tenet of his corporate improv program. "If you acknowledge and understand someone's point of view, you create a collaborative environment," DiNinni explained. "You can debate instead of negate."

Employees often bring these lessons back to their jobs after completing the program. Rebecca Cronin partnered with Stage Coach Improv as part of her work at her company. She described a heated meeting at the office shortly after several employees participated in a Stage Coach training session. "One of my colleagues stepped in and said, 'Yes, we're going to do that, and...' in a really exaggerated tone, and got everyone laughing," Cronin said. Recalling the lesson from improv helped get the meeting back on track.

Despite these professional benefits, it can be difficult to convince people to unwind in a work setting. "With professionals, you have folks who are at their best in front of a computer," DiNinni said. "We try to create a psychological safety net so everyone feels comfortable taking risks."

The majority of participants do eventually get past that hump. "I love watching the transformation in people when they finally relax enough to have fun with it," Cronin said. "These workshops are the time and place for it."

"Yes, and..."

"We started to see how translatable the philosophies of improv were to corporate training."
Carter Edwards of Upright Citizens Brigade

Improv can help untie the rope of corporate workplace rules and loosen up employees to new ways of thinking and working. ISTOCK

Who's the boss? You are!

The Power of One. In her new book, Kathleen Brush explores her tough-as-nails leadership philosophy

JULIA WEST
Metro World News

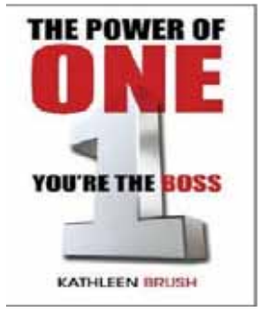
Everyone seems to have an opinion on what it takes to be a successful leader, but Kathleen Brush wrote the book on it. The author spent years as a turn-around consultant, helping failing companies find their core issues and resolve them. We caught up with Brush to chat about The Power of One: You're the Boss, her how to guide on being the boss.

Your book has some strong scenarios of poor leadership. Did you witness this behaviour first hand?
Yes, most definitely. I didn't have to conjure up any examples. It's funny, I often hear people say, "You could have inserted my name in any anecdote. I do the same thing and I didn't even realize."

So you saw many of the same problems surfacing at various companies?
Sure, if you want to look at general problems. The particulars can be distinct. Often, though, companies forget that they need to re-invent themselves. When they lack strong leadership, it can be devastating to progress.

Isn't that the core idea of your book?
It is, without question. I'm trying to address a problem I see everywhere: Talented people who get into leadership because they're a good account person, for example, but they're lacking as a boss.

Your book says that being the boss means being straightforward with employees, which is difficult for many people. What advice do you have for better communication?
I counsel people on this all the time because they're afraid to tell people they're not doing a good job. I tell them to put themselves in the employee's shoes. People want to know if they're not doing a good job and the company is in trouble. People want to do a good job. When delivered correctly, employees won't feel like they're in trouble — they'll feel like they're being coached.



So how can people get it right?
I tell people to put their coach hat on, not the big, bad boss hat. These managers come back and say it was a great experience. The one thing I really want people to understand is that to be successful as a boss, you can't be the person you always disliked. You can't be the jerk boss. Be the boss that people like and respect.

What is the number one thing you want people to take from the book?
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Taking on the challenge of change

Where do you go from here? A major transition is on the horizon, and it's how you handle it that might just determine your destiny

ASHLEIGH TRAHAN
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You're saying adios to one stage of your life and facing an uncertain future, which is both exciting and terrifying. How will you manage it? ISTOCK

Going from a student to a fully formed adult can be a rocky transition. It's a stressful time filled with lots of changes: moving, job hunting, and saying goodbye to college friends as you go your separate ways.

As the old saying goes, the only thing that's certain in life is that things are going to change, so increasing your adaptability now will serve you well when you encounter unexpected life events down the road. So how do you deal with change? Here are a few tips:

Accept that you can't control everything

Things may not pan out exactly as you had envisioned for your career and life post-graduation. Your identity is in transformation mode, so things we were sure about in the past (friends, your career) now aren't so clear. While the unknown can be scary, there is also such a joyful sense of opportunity about what's next. Daydream about the possibilities that are to come, or create a collage to act as your vision board. Optimism about what your future holds can be a real mood booster.

Enlist your friends and family for support

You're not the only one who's going through the transition after leaving school, so don't go it alone! Talk to a friend, family member, or a mentor you admire about what you're going through.

Sometimes you need a cheerleader in your corner, who will encourage you when you feel like you're stuck or overwhelmed. If you feel like you are better at expressing yourself through writing, keep a journal to keep tabs on how you're feeling.

Take action towards building your future

Now that you've left school, you have whole world of possibilities ahead of you. How can you start working towards your goals today? Perhaps you're not in your dream job immediately upon graduation, but that's okay (and pretty common!).

What small, obtainable steps can you take today to start working towards your goals? Taking action can be the best way to move forward during this transformational time; it will help you avoid feeling stuck or helpless.

As Maya Angelou said, "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

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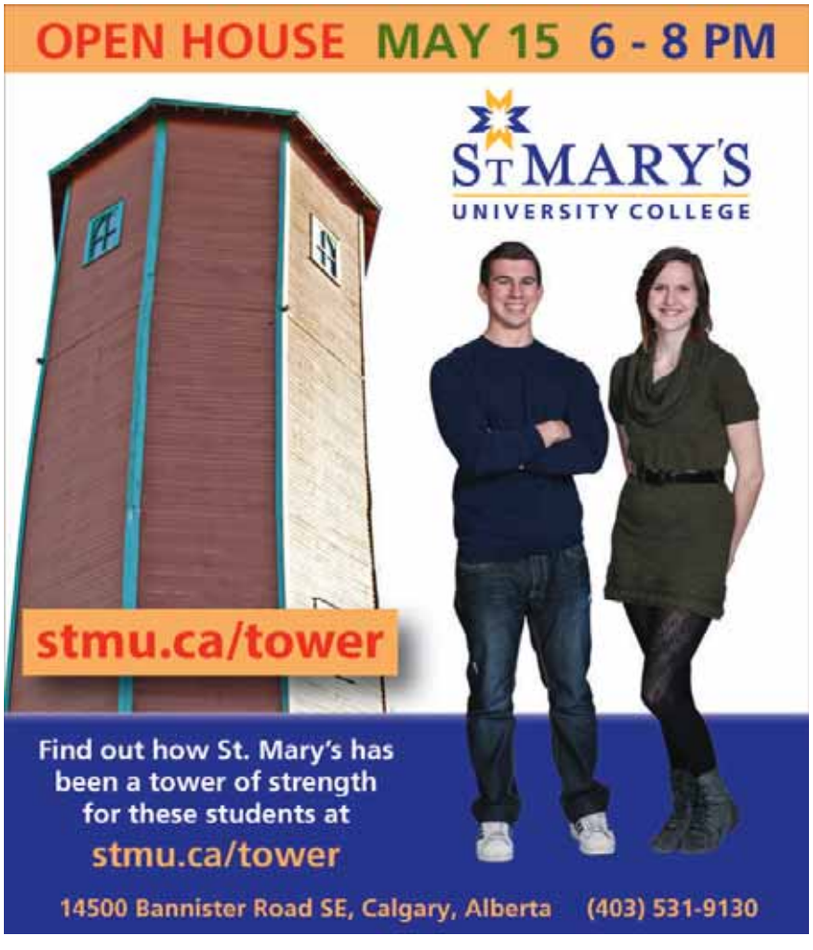
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Ending poverty means brighter futures for girls

In Hatibandha, Bangladesh, 13-year-old Shohagi lives with her parents and three younger siblings. Her parents are both illiterate and her father works as a day labourer, earning just $2 a day. The family of six lives in a two-room house made of tin and sticks on land that is vulnerable to flooding with no proper roads and no nearby flood shelter. The conditions are unhygienic, with the nearest health complex several kilometres away.

Shohagi is a good student, but chances are she won't be in school too much longer. While her parents hope that their boys will someday graduate and get jobs, there isn't as much emphasis on education for their daughter.

"In Hatibandha, two-thirds of children — mostly girls — don't finish elementary school. Children often have to travel far to attend school and this becomes especially dangerous for girls — in fact, only seven per cent of secondary students are girls," says Abigail Brown, a Plan Canada spokesperson.

But distance isn't the only thing that keeps girls from completing their education.

"Girls marry young in Hatibandha; 90 per cent of them are married before they are 18, so many experience adolescent pregnancies in underdeveloped bodies," Brown says. "That's why health care — including maternal and newborn health — is especially important there, where mortality rates are high."

Shohagi poses with her family in front of their two-room home.

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Shohagi's mother, who was a child bride herself, says, "I love my girl very much. I do not want Shohagi to have child marriage."

But the reality is that the challenges in their lives are too great to provide a better future for Shohagi. With Plan Canada's Community Sponsorship program, Calgarians can help address some of these challenges for girls and their families in Hatibandha.

"This program will train teachers and equip schools with supplies, build private latrines and dorms for girls and provide boat services for school transportation," Brown says.

Funds will also be used to improve health care for mothers and their babies, build roads and gender-equality awareness training, so girls like Shohagi will have the opportunity for a better future.

"What's particularly exciting is that every monthly commitment we receive will be matched three times by our funding partner, so your donation really goes a long way for the girls and their families in Hatibandha," Brown says.

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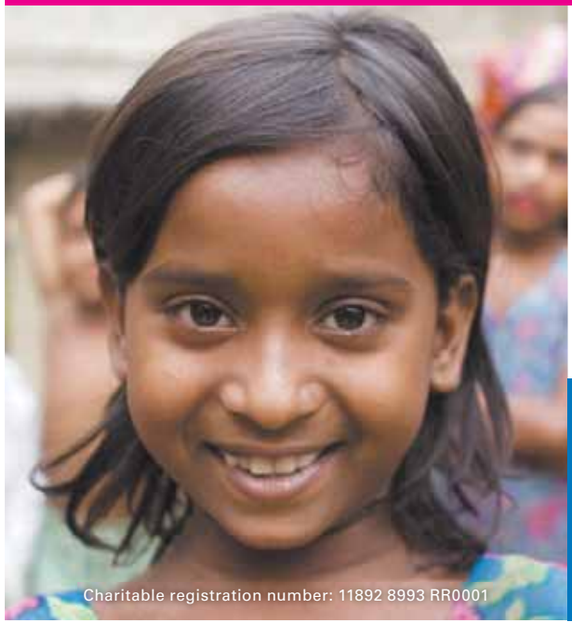

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4 SPORTS

World championship

Canada blows out Norway

Steven Stamkos had a goal and three assists to pace Canada to a 7-1 win over Norway at the IIHF World Championship on Tuesday.

Canada (2-0-1) played its best first period of the tournament so far and led by four goals after the opening 20 minutes.

Taylor Hall had two goals with Andrew Ladd, Matt Duchene, Jeff Skinner and Claude Giroux also scoring for Canada. Jordan Eberle had two assists.

Canada was second in the Stockholm pool with seven points. Switzerland led with eight.

Russia (3-0) downed the United States 5-3 to top the Helsinki pool. Promoted Austria doubled Latvia 6-3 for their first win.

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NHL playoffs

Sharp leads Hawks past Wild

Patrick Sharp scored two goals for Chicago, and the Blackhawks ratcheted up their defence, putting the Minnesota Wild on the brink of elimination with a 3-0 victory Tuesday night.

Bryan Bickell also scored and Corey Crawford made 25 saves for the Blackhawks, who built a 3-1 lead in this best-of-seven matchup.

The Wild had another goalie get hurt when Josh Harding's injury forced Darcy Kuemper into action after the first intermission. Sharp scored on Chicago's first shot at the rookie 62 seconds into the second period.

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The Senators' Daniel Alfredsson checks the Canadiens' Michael Ryder into the boards during Game 4 of their first-round playoff series in Ottawa on Tuesday.
SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Senators push Habs' backs up against wall

NHL playoffs. Montreal on the brink of elimination after coughing up two-goal lead in Game 4

Game 4

Senators	Canadiens
3	2

The Ottawa Senators have adopted the "Pesky Sens" nickname this season.

They lived up to that moniker in dramatic fashion on Tuesday night.

Kyle Turris scored at 2:32 of overtime as the Senators fought back from a 2-0 third-period deficit to defeat the Montreal Canadiens 3-2 and grab a 3-1 lead in their Eastern Conference quarter-final.

Turris took a shot from the sideboards that snuck past Habs backup goalie Peter Budaj, who came on for injured starter Carey Price at the start of overtime.

"That was a bit of a lucky shot tonight but I'll take it," Turris said. "How we did it tonight, sticking around and kind of giving ourselves a chance to win ...

"You know, pesky."

A team ravaged by injuries all season, the Senators found a way to make the playoffs with a patchwork roster and now have the East's No. 2 seed on the brink of elimination.

"I really thought it was a heck of a playoff game," said Senators coach Paul MacLean, who could barely hide his smile. "They were better than us for a while, we were better than them for a while and at the end of the night we get a goal to tie it up late and a goal in overtime ... that's the Stanley Cup playoffs."

Mika Zibanejad and Cory Conacher had the other goals for Ottawa, which got 26 saves from Craig Anderson in a game that the Canadiens controlled for lengthy stretches.

"We came to play. We came to play and that's exactly what we did," said Canadiens coach Michel Therrien, whose team will look to stay alive in Game 5 at home on Thursday night. "We certainly deserved a better fate.

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Isles proving a pesky match for Penguins

Islanders blue-liner Mark Streit defends Pittsburgh Penguins centre Sidney Crosby during Game 4 of their first-round playoff series on Tuesday night in Uniondale, N.Y. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leads aren't safe in the wild first-round playoff matchup between the New York Islanders and Pittsburgh. Suddenly, neither are the top-seeded Penguins.

Through four games of the best-of-seven series, both teams have two wins. The latest big momentum shift has swung sharply in the direction of the No. 8 Islanders.

John Tavares scored with 9:49 left, and the Islanders beat the Penguins 6-4 Tuesday night to get even in the series that will resume with Game 5 in Pittsburgh on Thursday night.

Game 4

Islanders	Penguins
6	4

"We found a way today. Another roller coaster ride," Tavares said. "We learned from those games when we gave up leads — a lot of us said that one bounce can change a season."

Or end one.

The Penguins were ousted in the first round in each of the previous two years. They now face the prospect of another early summer if they can't turn things around quickly.

"We just need to regroup here. We'll come out ready to go and fired up in our own building," said Penguins forward James Neal said.

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Happ's horrific injury overshadow's Jays win

MLB. Toronto gets third victory in a row for the first time this season but starting pitcher hospitalized by line drive

Blue Jays starting pitcher J.A. Happ lays on the ground after being hit in the head by a Desmond Jennings' line drive on Tuesday in St. Petersburg, Fla. Happ was rushed to hospital to undergo tests and was listed in stable condition. MIKE CARLSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blue Jays pitcher J.A. Happ was hit in the head by a line drive and taken off the field on a stretcher during Toronto's 6-4 win over the Tampa Bay Rays on Tuesday night..

The team said Happ was taken to Bayfront Medical Center, where he was alert and undergoing tests. Nursing supervisor Natasha Keller told The Associated Press that Happ had been admitted to the hospital and was in stable condition.

In a frightening scene at Tropicana Field, Desmond Jennings' second-inning liner caromed squarely off the left side of Happ's head with a loud "thwack!" that could be heard up in the press box.

The ball went all the way into the bullpen in foul territory halfway down the right-field line. Happ dropped face down at the front of the mound, holding his head with his glove and bare hand.

"It's devastating. ... I could barely watch it," Dickey said. "You just don't know what to think, really. It paralyzes you a little bit. And when it sounds like two bats, when you hear the sound off the bat and it sounds like it hits another bat, it's scary."

The Blue Jays grabbed a 6-4 lead in the ninth on Maicer Itzuris' solo homer and an RBI double by Melky Cabrera off Joel Peralta (0-2). Toronto, which trailed by three early on, tied it at 4 in the eighth on Jose Bautista's RBI double.

Toronto was coming off an 8-7 victory over the Rays on Monday night in which the Blue Jays rallied from a 7-0 deficit.

Adam Lind put the Blue Jays up 1-0 in the second on his first homer this season. Cody Rasmus cut the deficit to 4-3 on a two-run homer in the seventh.

Steve Delabar (3-1) threw two scoreless innings before Casey Janssen pitched the ninth for his ninth save. The Blue Jays have won three in a row for the first time this season.

Tampa Bay starter Roberto Hernandez went six innings, allowing one run and five hits. He had seven strikeouts and one walk. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Near-perfection with a side of shaving-cream pie

Justin Turner of the New York Mets hits teammate Mike Baxter with a shaving-cream pie after Baxter's walk-off RBI single in the 10th inning on Tuesday night in New York City. Matt Harvey pitched one-hit ball for nine innings in a nearly perfect performance and the Mets permitted just one baserunner all game in beating the Chicago White Sox 1-0. NICK LAHAM/GETTY IMAGES

Tennis

Djokovic stunned, Raonic ousted at Madrid Open

Grigor Dimitrov stunned Novak Djokovic while Canada's Milos Raonic saved two match points but eventually lost to Fernando Verdasco in second-round action at the Madrid Open on Tuesday.

The 28th-ranked Bulgarian, Dimitrov, defeated the top-ranked Serb 7-6 (6), 6-7 (8), 6-3 for the biggest win of his career.

Dimitrov saved three set points in the first before taking the lead, and Djokovic then appeared to hurt his right ankle when trailing 4-2 in the second. Djokovic slipped on the baseline and winced in pain, then immediately called for a trainer and took a lengthy break to get treatment.

Raonic saved two match points but sent a forehand long on a third, sending the Canadian to a loss against Fernando Verdasco and another second-round exit at the Madrid Open. Verdasco, playing on his home turf, outlasted Raonic 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (7). THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA playoffs. Carmelo does the trick for Knicks

Carmelo Anthony scored 32 points, 16 during a 30-2 New York onslaught in the second half, as the Knicks beat the Indiana Pacers 105-79 on Tuesday night to even the Eastern Conference semifinals at 1-1.

Iman Shumpert added 15 points, including a sensational follow dunk in the first half, and Raymond Felton scored 14 as the Knicks turned a close game into a blowout over the final 15 minutes.

Paul George scored 20 points for the Pacers, who had a two-point lead and momentum when coach Frank Vogel called timeout with a little more than three minutes left in the third quarter.

By the time the Pacers got on the board in the final period, the Knicks had opened a 26-point advantage.

"I thought tonight they made all the hustle and necessary plays for us to win this game, and that was nice to see," Knicks coach Mike Woodson said.

Game 3 is Saturday at Indianapolis.

David West scored 13 points for the Pacers, who committed 21 turnovers that led to 32 points, negating their height advantage that loomed so large in their Game 1 victory.

Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony shoots past the Pacers' Jeff Pendergraph on Tuesday in New York. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indiana had trailed most of the night before taking a 64-62 lead on George Hill's three-pointer with 3:28 left in the third that capped a 10-4 run.

Vogel then called timeout and subbed out centre Roy Hibbert. Seeing the middle open, Anthony attacked, first with a drive and then a dunk while drawing a foul that knocked on Hibbert's replacement, Jeff Pendergraph, and the game was never the same.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTERFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) V. NY ISLANDERS (8)
(Series tied 2-2)
Tuesday's result
N.Y. Islanders 6 Pittsburgh 4
Thursday's game
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

MONTREAL (2) VS. OTTAWA (7)
(Ottawa leads 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Ottawa 3 Montreal 2 (OT)
Thursday's game
Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.

WASHINGTON (3) V. NY RANGERS (6)
(Washington leads 2-1)
Monday's result
N.Y. Rangers 4 Washington 3
Wednesday's game
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.

BOSTON (4) VS. TORONTO (5)
(Boston leads 2-1)
Monday's result
Boston 5 Toronto 2
Wednesday's game
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. MINNESOTA (8)
(Chicago leads 3-1)
Tuesday's result
Chicago 3 Minnesota 0
Thursday's game
Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

ANAHEIM (2) VS. DETROIT (7)
(Series tied 2-2)
Monday's result
Detroit 3 Anaheim 2 (OT)
Wednesday's game
Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

VANCOUVER (3) VS. SAN JOSE (6)
(San Jose leads 3-0)
Tuesday's result
Vancouver at San Jose
Sunday's result
San Jose 5 Vancouver 2

ST. LOUIS (4) VS. LOS ANGELES (5)
(Series tied 2-2)
Monday's result
Los Angeles 4 St. Louis 3
Wednesday's game
Los Angeles at St. Louis, 9 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS. CHICAGO (5)
(Chicago leads 1-0)
Monday's result
Chicago 93 Miami 86
Wednesday's game
Chicago at Miami, 7 p.m.
Friday's game
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.

NEW YORK (2) VS. INDIANA (3)
(Series tied 1-1)
Tuesday's result
New York 105 Indiana 79
Saturday's game
New York at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14
New York at Indiana, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) V. MEMPHIS (5)
(Oklahoma City leads 1-0)
Tuesday's result
Memphis at Oklahoma City
Saturday's game
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Monday, May 13
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO (2) V. GOLDEN STATE (6)
(San Antonio leads series 1-0)
Monday's result
San Antonio 129, Golden State 127, 2OT
Wednesday's game
Golden State at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's game
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

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Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Houston at D.C., 7 p.m.
Montreal at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Salt Lake at New England, 8 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 9 p.m.
Toronto at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

ENGLAND

PREMIER LEAGUE

Manchester City 1 West Brom 0
Swansea 3 Wigan 2

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	21	12	.636	—
Baltimore	20	13	.606	1
New York	18	13	.581	2
Tampa Bay	14	18	.438	6½
Toronto	13	21	.382	8½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	19	11	.633	—
Kansas City	17	12	.586	1½
Cleveland	16	14	.533	3
Minnesota	14	15	.483	4½
Chicago	13	18	.419	6½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	20	13	.606	—
Oakland	18	16	.529	2½
Seattle	15	19	.441	5½
Los Angeles	11	21	.344	8½
Houston	9	24	.273	11

Tuesday's results
Baltimore 4 Kansas City 3
Cleveland 1 Oakland 0
Minnesota 6 Boston 1
Toronto 6 Tampa Bay 4
Houston 7 L.A. Angels 6
Wednesday's games — All times Eastern
Kansas City (Mendoza 0-1) at Baltimore (Tillman 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Griffin 3-2) at Cleveland (Masterson 4-2), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Hernandez 1-0) at Boston (Webster 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Toronto (Romero 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Moore 5-0), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Blanton 0-5) at Houston (Norris 3-3), 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's results
Chicago Cubs 2 St. Louis 1
Cincinnati 5 Atlanta 4
Miami at San Diego
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers
Philadelphia at San Francisco
INTERLEAGUE
Pittsburgh 4 Seattle 1
Detroit at Washington, postponed
N.Y. Mets 1 Chicago White Sox 0 (10)
Milwaukee 6 Texas 3
Colorado 2 N.Y. Yankees 0.

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2013 Ford Explorer Sport

Review. Competency on and off road coupled with fuel economy is now a reality, says Ford

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In most cases, the term "sport utility vehicle" ranks as one of the most improperly used appellations ever devised, especially the "sport" part. But some members of this big-and-tall category, like the 2013 Ford Explorer Sport, actually get it right.

If you equate the word "sport" with a muscular demeanor, this unique Explorer trim level is right up your alley, or off-road path.

Keeping it all well planted on the road involves strengthening the Explorer's chassis, adding stiffer springs and shocks and installing a brace inside the engine compartment connecting the front strut towers. The brakes are bigger and the electric power steering has been retuned to be more direct.

Although quick enough to 60 mph (96 km-h) — in the low-six-second range, claims Ford — the Explorer Sport is no match for the 2014 Grand Cherokee Jeep SRT, which rips to the same speed in 4.8 seconds. And in the towing department, the SRT's 3,270-kilogram rating trumps the Sport's 2,270-kilogram capacity.

However, the 2,230-kilogram Sport's base price of $51,000 is about $14,700 less than the 2,360-kilogram SRT's $65,700 total. As well, the Explorer Sport's fuel numbers of 13.2 l/100 km in the city and 8.8 on highway are better than the SRT's 18.0/12.4 figures while offering seating for seven, versus the Grand Cherokee's five.

It's finished off with a premium-attired interior that in includes leather-trimmed seats with contrasting inserts. The fronts are power-adjustable and heated. Also standard is a rearview camera, 12-speaker Sony audio system and MyFord Touch connectivity for the audio, communication and climate controls.

Beyond that, the Sport can be dressed up with pace-setting adaptive cruise control, dual-panel moonroof, power liftgate, heated and cooled seats and a navigation system. You can also opt for inflatable rear seatbelts that, along with the side-curtain airbags, are designed to provide additional cushioning support for those in back in the event of a collision.

Keep in mind that dramatically upping the Sport's content level pushes it closer to the Jeep SRT's base price.

Ultimately, the Explorer Sport does live up to its handle, but it's far from an out-and-out power-is-the-object, go-anywhere wagon. In that regard, it offers a fair balance of lively performance, passenger comfort and cargo capacity, at a price that's within reach of eager "sport" utility vehicle patrons.

2013 Ford Explorer Sport

- **Type.** Four-door, four-wheel-drive wagon
- **Engines (hp).** 3.5-litre DOHC V6, twin-turbocharged (365)
- **Transmissions.** Six-speed automatic
- **Base price (incl. destination)** $51,000

Design

Specialized body bits such as a darkened mesh-style grille combine with a similarly shaded lower air intake/spoiler to produce a somewhat menacing presence. Completing the look is a set of stylish 20-inch wheels wrapped in performance tires that leave a 23-centimetre-wide footprint.

Those stylish 20-inch wheels.

Power and torque

Like the Grand Cherokee SRT, the Explorer Sport includes standard four-wheel-drive, and it operates in conjunction with Ford's Terrain Management System that has been specifically calibrated to suit the Sport's needs. Included are specific power and torque settings for sand, snow and mud.

Engine

You'll find the comparatively humble 3.5-litre twin-turbocharged "Ecoboost" V6 under the hood, which is also found in the SHO Taurus and Ford F-150 pickup. The Explorer Sport is the only Explorer to get this engine, which is matched to a six-speed automatic transmission with paddle-shift controls.

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What's in a roof? Well, if history provides any sort of clue, a smooth shape means speed and luxury, no matter how many doors it has.

New offerings from Porsche, Audi, BMW, Jaguar, Mercedes-Benz, and even Honda, haven't invented a new class so much as joined a long list of automakers that have sought on and off since the early 1940s to distinguish themselves with a roofline style known as the "fastback".

This design ideal will be familiar to anyone with even a passing interest in automobiles; think back to the 1970s and the iconic Ford Mustang and Torino, the first Dodge Charger, Jaguar E-Type and Datsun 240Z, in which rooflines plunged dramatically in an extended sweep from the roof to the rear end, leaving no trace of a trunk compartment hanging ungainly behind the rear wheels.

Other more modern, iconic examples include the Porsche 356 and 911, Toyota Celica and the Aston Martin DB5, made wildly famous by the passenger-ejecting, oil-slick-spreading, tire-shredding sports car featured in the classic James Bond movie Goldfinger.

Many might tend to think of fastbacks as rakish two-door coupes, though numerous four-door sedans have received the treatment over the years, including the Oldsmobile Cutlass Salon and Buick Century of the early 1980s that some say clumsily brought the design back into fashion at that time.

According to the Beaulieu Encyclopedia of the Automobile, the design concept actually stems from the early 1930s when automobile designs that were ahead of their time included "teardrop streamlining at the rear" and which would, 25 years later, come to be called fastback.

American fastbacks produced by the then Big Three automakers — Chrysler, Ford and General Motors — were known early on as "torpedo backs."

Merriam-Webster first recognized "fastback" as a definition in 1954, many years before the term "hatchback" was popularized and entered the dictionary in 1970.

Depending on to whom you speak, the terms fastback and hatchback are either complimentary or mutually exclusive; there seems to be little grey area on the topic.

The Road & Track Illustrated Automotive Dictionary defines fastback as, "a closed body style, usually a coupe but sometimes a sedan, with a roof sloped gradually in a unbroken line from the windshield to the rear edge of the car.

"A fastback naturally lends itself to a hatchback configuration and many have it, but not all hatchbacks are fastbacks and vice versa." In fact, the 1963 Corvette coupe has neither a truck or hatchback.

From outrageously designed finned fastbacks by Czechoslovakian manufacturer Tatra through the 1930s, '40s and '50s, to one of, arguably, the most beautiful cars on the road today, the four-door Mercedes-Benz CLS, the fastback treatment has graced some of the more memorable automotive designs to ever roll down a highway.

Suggestive of speed and excitement, fastbacks offer an advantage in designing cars with slippery aerodynamic qualities that cut the air cleaner than other, more boxy designs.

Superior aerodynamics can help reduce fuel consumption and rolling resistance.

Audi design chief Stefan Sielaff characterizes the A7 Sportback as having "an almost monolithic clarity and a vast reduction in the number of lines" in the vehicle's overall look. Translation: it's a clean design. "The roof, shoulder and sill lines appear to have been drawn with a single stroke."

A variety of four-door vehicles ranging from sports cars to tall wagons are getting the fastback treatment, with Germany-based manufacturers taking the lead.

BMW's X6 and 5 Series Gran Turismo offer two different takes on the design, while Porsche's polarizing Panamera — designed to fit former chief executive Wendelin Wiedeking's six-foot, two-inch-tall frame, with lots of room still in the back seats - offers a rounder, more dramatic version of the sweptback shape.

The Panamera is shaped "the way it needs to be," Porsche chief designer Michael Mauer told the New York Times.

"As with all Porsche design, it begins with the function. As a four seater (and Porsche's first-ever four-door sedan), the car has to have a different side view," he said.

"It has to express the package and volume, but also be sporty and dynamic."

Jaguar's newest fastback flagship sedan, the XJ, offers even more rear seat headroom — 98 centimetres compared to 97 in the Porsche — despite appearing smaller with an even more steeply raked back end.

Honda's much smaller Crosstour blends "sporty, low-profile contours" with the functionality of a station wagon, and offers very nearly as much rear seat headroom (95 centimetres) as the much larger Porsche and Jaguar.

Whether you're in the market for a ride that's visually exciting at the high end of the scale, or something more widely affordable, the fastback could be an idea whose time has come, once again.

Quoted

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Exert from The Road and Track Illustrated Automotive Dictionary

The Dodge Cornet was given a fastback and called the Charger.

The latest Bond car is the Aston Martin with fastback.

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Depending on the year and model in question, this posh off-roader could be kitted up via numerous trim levels and option packages to suit a variety of tastes and budgets.

Common Issues

The Range Rover is full of electronics that can experience issues, so approach looking for signs of trouble. Be sure all electrically-operated accessories function as expected, and check for any warning lights or messages in the instrument cluster or driver computer. Have the air suspension checked out by a Land Rover mechanic after you toggle it through its various settings to confirm it operates without any warning lights illuminating. This is an expensive-to-repair system that will eventually wear out and fail.

Be sure to toggle the 4x4 system between its various modes too, checking for signs of trouble along the way. Check the owner's manual for proper shifting procedures, noting any unusual sounds or failure to shift into the selected mode.

What owners like

Luxury, go-anywhere capability, exclusivity and a great deal of "presence" are noted by owners. Smooth performance and an ultra-posh cabin are also noted. All said, owners seem to have enjoyed a driving experience rich with luxury and capability.

What owners dislike

Complaints were minimal, though most owners wish for better fuel mileage.

Engines

Look for a V8 engine on all models, built by BMW during that automaker's ownership of the Land Rover brand until 2006. When Land Rover was purchased by Jaguar, a Jaguar V8 was fitted instead. Both engines displaced 4.4 litres, and the Jaguar mill could be had with a supercharger.

The verdict

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My children need to ditch the Mother's Day card and clean her car instead

Autopilot. The car makeover for that appreciative time of year could be a new tradition in my house

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Hard up for a way to celebrate Mother's Day?

Usually I'm not full of suggestions. Usually I could only suggest gift ideas to stay away from, based on the reactions they created on Mother's Days gone by. For example, as Mother's Day gifts, I would definitely stay away from groceries, laundry detergent, and personal coupons redeemable for household chores you're already expected to complete. Actually the coupons are mostly all right, as long as you don't make them, as I did one year, with really tight expiry dates.

But Canadian Tire recently tuned me into a great way to honour the mother in your family on her special day — clean her car inside and out. They also suggested families could add some relevant accessories, to give her something approaching a "Mother's Day Car Makeover."

Of course the fine folks at Canadian Tire want to sell car cleaning products and accessories, but they're definitely on to the spirit of Mother's Day. Mothers just love it when their families — and especially the kids — turn the tables, and work in love for the mothers, as the mothers work in love for their families every other day of the year. Excuse me, I seem to be tearing up a bit here… must get a tissue. Oh damn, I just wish I had more tears, so I could clean Mother's car completely with tears!

If tears aren't handy, go with a power washer.

That's how the team at Canadian Tire started cleaning our family car, driven mostly by the mother in our family, my wife Diane. As part of a press function, Canadian Tire offered to clean the Fit to show off the company's do-it-yourself cleaning and car organizational products, and to promote the concept of the Mother's Day Car Makeover.

And clean it they did. It looked — and smelled— incredible. I was particularly impressed with Autoglym's Aqua Wax, which proved to be a quick an easy way to give your ride a protective and shiny wax job. You spray it on while the car is still wet after washing. They you just spread it around with a micro-fibre cloth, and dry and shine it with another, and you're done.

Our teenage kids, Amelia and Jared, were invited to help clean, to make Mom feel more special, but they were not available. We didn't give them enough notice. They couldn't clear their schedules. But they promised to have their people call our people and set up a meeting to discuss other Mother's Day proposals.

So this column could have been how Amelia and Jared cleaned their mom's car for Mother's Day. Now it's to shame them into doing something else. In keeping with the auto theme, Jared, how about replacing the Honda's timing chain? I believe its due for one. It's also due for an air conditioning service. Amelia, I know a container of refrigerant and socket set with your name on them.

Failing that, maybe a coupon for cleaning the Fit the next time its needs it (with no expiry date on the coupon.)

Quoted

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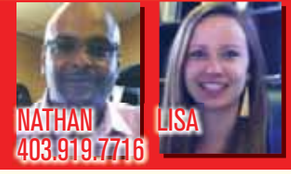

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Some issues should be taken seriously but others are just not worth the effort and what happens today falls squarely in the latter category. Don't waste your time and energy on trivial things, or trivial people.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Major changes are in the air and you will be at the center of them. It isn't true, as some people claim, that Taurus types stick with the tried and trusted.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may feel restricted in one area but maybe that is a sign from the universe that you should be concentrating your efforts in a different area entirely. Give it some thought over the next 24 hours.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You may not be as forceful as some people but you have your moments now and again. With Mercury and Mars acting together today you will find ways to persuade the world to take care of your needs.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
No matter how smart you may be there will always be someone who is smarter and you forget that fact at your peril. If you know when you have met your match you won't have any problems today.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
No matter how daunting the task that confronts you today you will tackle it head on and make a huge success of it. Later in the week you will be more relaxed about life.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Your thought processes are moving so fast at the moment that you come up with answers to questions that have not even been asked yet.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be tempted to give a friend some advice today but the planets warn that probably isn't such a good idea. On this occasion it might be wise to keep your mouth shut.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have never been the sort to play safe and you are not about to start now. If you take some sort of gamble today it may well pay off but don't forget that there are no guarantees.

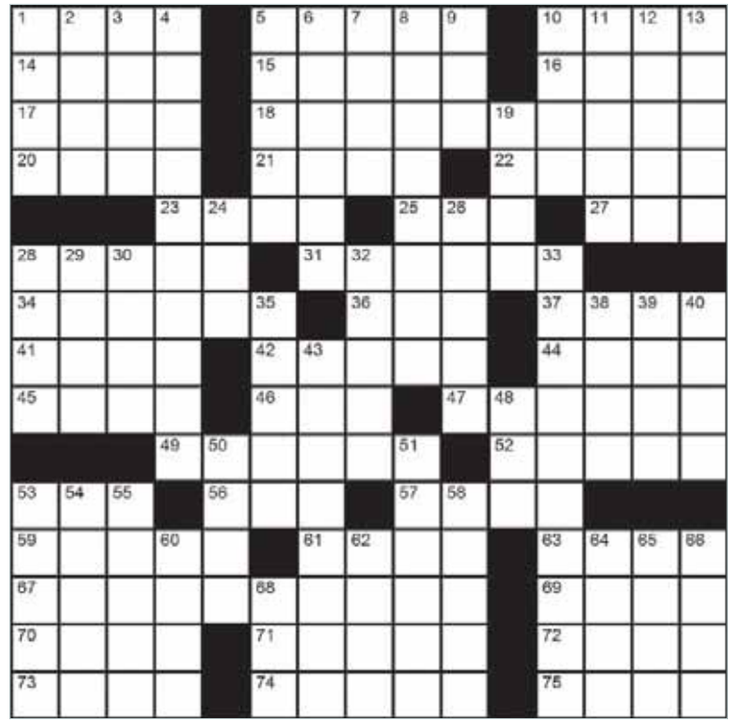
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You need to give yourself a bit more space and find ways to spend time on your own. There are so many things that need doing this month and your workload is sure to increase, so relax while you can.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Make time for your nearest and dearest today. Your work schedule may be punishing but even if you get through it all it won't bring you anywhere near the satisfaction that spending time with your loved ones does.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Some people will always be critical of your efforts and they are the people you should always ignore. You know they are driven mainly by jealousy, so pretend they don't exist — that will annoy them even more! SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

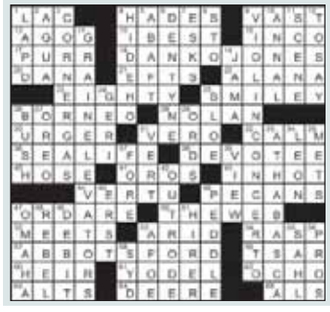
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. "__ sure you already know...": 2 wds.
5. ___ world record
10. Just about
14. Bible pronoun
15. Friend: Italian
16. Pledge
17. Pulls along
18. Ottawa-born impressionist: 2 wds.
20. Search
21. __ __ it (Is a conspirator)
22. Prairies product
23. Existence
25. Wynonna's sis
27. Yukon's Ii'l neighbour
28. Dog of Japan
31. The Book of __ (Show in Toronto)
34. Pronoun
36. Wee weekday
37. 'Def' suffix
41. General Robert _. __
42. Not now
44. Flimsy
45. Prophet
46. Island: French
47. Northern Pikes' "__ __ You Fool"
49. Fancy fabrics
52. Ms. Blanchett's
53. Toast topping
56. Jogged
57. Related
59. "The Untouchables" role, __ Ness
61. Betting card game
63. BMO competitor
67. Canada's __ (North of Toronto amusement park)
69. Lively circle dance
70. Barenaked Ladies song
71. Ill-fated luxury liner in 1956, Andrea __
72. British actor Clive
73. Not as much
74. Dishonest one
75. Some rodents

Down
1. Tourist __. (Places on postcards)
2. Boot alternative
3. "Thanks, ___ you one."
4. Stratford Festival play starting May 18th, The Three __
5. Traditional outfits
6. Marshall Mathers, to rap fans
7. Mr. Torres, Bon Jovi drummer
8. Canadian supermodel, Monika __
9. "You've Got Mail." co.
10. Chris of "The Good Wife"
11. Finished food
12. Attorney-__-__
13. Bookdom's Mr. Butler
19. "_ (__ Have Nothing)" by Tom Jones
24. Actress Ms. Field, to pals
26. Smug-looking smile
28. Actor Ed of "Daniel Boone"
29. Kid on "South Park"
30. 1989 Bad English hit: "When _ __ You Smile"
32. A lot
33. Journalism job: 2 wds.
35. CBC cooking show, "In the Kitchen with Stefano __"
38. Flapper's fabrication
39. Arrived
40. Gets by, just barely
43. MB city bordering SK: 2 wds.
48. Marie-Claire's 'here'
50. Mr. Johnson of "Laugh-In"
51. Ontario city on Lake Huron
53. Gem
54. Unaccompanied
55. Subcompacts
58. __ moment (Meant for a snapshot)
60. "What are the __?"
62. Swiss river, variantly
64. Cedar Rapids state
65. Poison singer, __ Michaels
66. Pepsi holders
68. Shortened streets

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

3				5				4
	9			2			6	
1			4		6			2
7		3				2		5
		4	5		7	1		
9		5				6		8
2			8		3			1
	4			7			3	
8				4				6

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	4	9	1	2	3	6	7	8
8	2	1	9	6	7	4	5	3
7	6	3	8	5	4	1	9	2
1	5	2	3	7	6	8	4	9
6	8	4	5	9	2	7	3	1
9	3	7	4	1	8	5	2	6
2	7	5	6	3	1	9	8	4
3	1	8	7	4	9	2	6	5
4	9	6	2	8	5	3	1	7

Weather

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